



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



Union road workers get ratified contract

► New agreement includes retroactive pay back to July '98

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Road Commission's union-affiliated workers now have a ratified contract, following over a year of negotiations between the Road Commission Board and the workers' union representatives.

The four-year contract includes retroactive pay (both regular and overtime) dating back to July 1, 1998.

Pay raises for shop and assistant foreman classifications amount to \$3.45/hour over the course of the contract's four year life, which breaks down as an \$0.80 increase in

1998, \$0.70 in 1999, \$1 in 2000, and \$0.95 in 2001. (Rates change at July 1 of each year.)

For all classifications other than shop and assistant foreman, raises equal \$2.85/hour by 2001. Increases by year are: \$0.65 in 1998, \$0.55 in 1999, \$0.85 in 2000, and \$0.80 in 2001 (all effective at July 1 of each year).

Health, dental, and longevity benefits are also included in the new contract.

The road workers' union representation signed the contract on Wednesday, February 2.

On Thursday, February 3, the Road Commission Board recessed its regular meeting and entered into executive session to discuss the contract. Once back in open session, the Board ratified the new contract with a 2-0 vote.

Cause of fire remains under investigation

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

No one was home last Thursday afternoon when a fire broke out at the Jack Abeare residence on Clyde Street, although two family pets were rescued from the smoke and flames.

Grayling City Public Works employee, Doug Duby, reported the fire after spotting smoke coming from the home while on his way out of a nearby credit union.

Grayling Fire Department Fire Chief Duane Brooks said he is not sure how the fire broke out, which caused heat and flame damage to the kitchen, living room, and part of the basement. Brooks said there was smoke damage throughout the house.

Just minutes after his department arrived on the scene, Beaver Creek

Township fire fighters arrived to assist and the fire was under control within five minutes. Animal Shelter Director Dixie Lobsinger also responded to the emergency after receiving a call from her daughter stating she heard of the pet situation over a police scanner.

Lobsinger, with assistance from a shelter volunteer Betsy Mitchell and Sheriff's Officer Dean Goss managed to remove the frightened pets without incident. Rusty, a small white dog, and Samson, a large German Shepherd, were provided overnight lodging at the shelter.

The Red Cross arrived to help make temporary lodging arrangements for Abeare at the Cedar Motel. It is uncertain when, or if, he will be able to return to his home.

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New Commander takes over at Camp Grayling

► Colonel Dennis D. Hull succeeds retired Colonel Gary J. McConnell



Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard, has announced the appointment of Colonel Dennis D. Hull as the new Commander of Camp Grayling Army and Air National Guard Training Site.

Hull has served more than 30 years in the Michigan Army National Guard. His most recent assignment was the State Emergency Management Coordinator for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, working closely with state and federal civil authorities.

A native of Gratiot County, Village of Ashley, Colonel Hull is a graduate of Spring Arbor College and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Dennis D. Hull

He was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal on two occasions and received the Army Commendation on four occasions. He has also earned the State Distinguished Service Medal and State Legion of Merit.

Hull succeeds Colonel Gary J. McConnell, who retired last week after 33 years of military service. McConnell had been the Commander of Camp Grayling since 1996.

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Wertz Warriors make annual trek across the north

by Cheryll Ruley
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You could hear them coming before they roared into sight, riding on a trail running parallel to I-75. The Wertz Warriors Snowmobile Endurance Riders arrived at the Holiday Inn in Grayling right on time last Tuesday, February 1 at 5 p.m., escorted by a Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Patrol Officer.

Just three days earlier, the 50 or so snowmobilers left their headquarters in Mount Clemens on their annual 900-mile ride to raise money for Michigan's Special Olympics Winter Program.

The Warriors say they are committed to covering the cost of Michigan's winter games even though the program here is the biggest in the nation, with almost 1,000 athletes participating at the Grand Traverse Resort last week.

This is the 19th consecutive year the Warriors have made the trek. Former Detroit Tiger and Hall of Famer, Vic Wertz, started the fundraiser back in 1982 when he gathered a group of friends together and debated the different ways they could raise money for the Michigan Special Olympics. That



The Wertz Warriors Snowmobile Endurance Riders roared into town on February 1.

year, the Warriors raised \$35,000. The next year they raised \$65,000. Wertz felt his dream of covering the costs of the program had become a reality.

After Wertz' sudden death, his friends decided to continue making the annual ride in his memory and to try and outdo the previous year's fundraising to keep up with the growing costs of the games. They must raise over \$500,000 to cover the expenses of the 2000 games.

Many of the Warriors spend all year raising money for the Special

Olympians. Some sponsor golf outings, dinners and auctions and look to friends, family and associates for support. Each rider must raise at least \$3,000, but many raise a lot more for the cause.

The Warriors made 33 stops this year all over northern lower Michigan, where they collected donations from citizens, civic organizations and businesses. Some stops can raise nearly \$25,000 for Special Olympics. Last year's ride presented a problem for the Warriors because of poor snow

conditions, but they were determined to fulfill their promise. After 600 miles, the Warriors had to make the remainder of their stops by truck.

The Wertz Warriors welcome the support of every citizen, no matter how big or small the donation. To make a donation or for more information, call Jim Simpson at (810) 859-2525 or the Wertz Warrior office at (810) 954-9770. Send donations to: Michigan Special Olympics, P.O. Box 1132, Mount Clemens, MI 48046-1132.

City of Grayling finances are 'healthy'

► Audit reveals good financial status, but water and sewer still losing money

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling's audit report for the 1998-99 fiscal year revealed a "healthy" financial status overall, but the city's water and sewer enterprise continues to take in less than it costs to operate.

"The City of Grayling is very healthy financially," said John Blair of Hill, Schroeder & Co., the city's auditing firm.

Blair reported a fund balance of over \$3 million, which is "very, very healthy for any city," he said. Included in the balance is approximately \$1.4 million reserved for street improvements (city income

tax money), Blair noted.

(Also included in the \$3 million is close to \$500,000 in the cemetery perpetual care fund, and nearly \$100,000 in the fire department fund. Most of the remainder is general fund money.)

Similar to last year's audit, this year's financial check-up revealed a problem with the city's water and sewer operations. Again, the operation is spending more than it is taking in.

"The city has money in the coffers, but water and sewer should operate like a business," Blair said. "(It should be) self-sufficient."

Blair explained that water rates had not been raised for over a decade, and when they were raised recently, they weren't increased enough to allow for the operation to pay for itself. It lost about \$86,000 last year, Blair said.

(The city raised rates in June of 1998 from \$0.88 to \$1.00 per thousand gallons. In January of 1999, the council raised rates again from \$1.00 to \$1.25 in order to help address the water and sewer fund concerns.)

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Blair commended the city council for making an increase, but said

more rate hikes are necessary if the operation is to pay for itself as intended.

If the council wanted to eliminate the problem in one year, there would have to be a substantial increase, approximately 20 percent, Blair noted.

Cell tower lease approved by Road Commissioners

► Road Commission leases 10 acres of land in Lovells for tower

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

After a few months of negotiations, the Road Commission for Crawford County and RFB Cellular have entered into a lease agreement for a 10-acre piece of Road Commission land in Lovells, allowing the property to be used as a site for an RFB cellular communication tower.

Managing Director Don Babcock said the 10 acres of land is "kind of off in a corner" of a 240-acre piece of Road Commission property. The

Road Commission currently has a gravel pit on the 240-acre parcel.

The lease with RFB will bring in \$3,600 a year to the Road Commission.

Also, the Road Commission will have a space on the tower for a repeater, which should improve the commission's radio communications in that area.

Lovells Township is currently somewhat of a "dead area" for such signals, Road Commission officials have said.

At the Road Board's February 3 meeting, Vice-Chairman John Hartman moved to approve the lease agreement with RFB. Following a second by Chairman Tom Perry, the motion passed 2-0.

First snowmobile fatality of the season reported

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Michigan State Police reported this season's first snowmobile-related death in Crawford County on January 29. The accident took the life of a down state man.

According to the State Police, David Bauer, 39, of Fenton died when the snowmobile he was driving struck a disabled snowmobile on the trail he was riding. The accident occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. on a trail running parallel with Old 27 - about three miles north of Frederic near Twin Peaks Road.

At the time of the accident, two men attending to the disabled snowmobile told police they heard Bauer coming and flashed their brake lights to signal their presence. When they realized Bauer was not slowing down, the men quickly moved out of the way.

Bauer's machine struck the disabled sled from behind at what witnesses estimate was about 80 m.p.h. According to the State Police, Bauer's face struck his handlebar, resulting in a broken neck.

Frederic Township Fire and Ambulance personnel responded to

the scene and tried desperately to resuscitate Bauer, but he was pronounced dead on arrival at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Whether alcohol was a factor in the accident has yet to be determined.

One Michigan State Trooper assigned to the Houghton Lake Post said, "The biggest problem is that so many snowmobilers only know two speeds - stop and full-tilt. Sometimes they just outrun their own headlights." He added, "Some people won't get into a car and drive like this, and they have so much more protection in a car."

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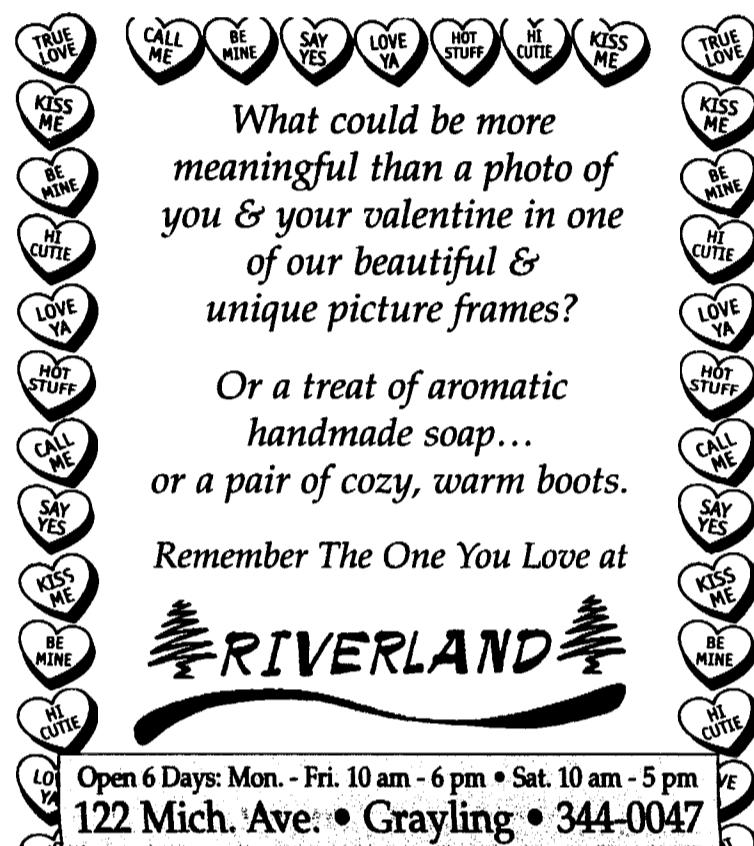
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City helps with sidewalk snow removal effort

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The Grayling City Council recently voted to pay part of the costs for sidewalk snow removal in downtown Grayling this winter, as requested by the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA).

GUDA contracted the downtown snow removal again this winter. The association has asked for money from the city to help pay for the costs of the snow removal operation, but until last week the requests had gone unfulfilled.

The downtown snow removal issue has been brought to the council several times before.

During a budget work session in June of 1999, Jerry Morford, then City Manager, reported that a new line item had been added to the proposed budget: "downtown improvement." The amount included in the line item was \$10,000.

Council member D.J. Brown referred to a previous request from GUDA and the Chamber of Commerce regarding financial help with downtown snow removal, and asked Morford if a portion of the "downtown improvement" line item could be used for that purpose.

Morford said it could. At the time, the city was considering the adoption of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA). If adopted, the DDA would likely accept responsibility for

downtown snow removal, Morford added.

On June 14, the proposed budget for this year, including the new "downtown improvement" line item for \$10,000, was approved by the council.

Later, the DDA was voted down, but a Community Improvement Authority (CIA) board was implemented (on August 30) for the purpose of bringing about improvements in the downtown area.

After the November 1999 election, three new council members took office, and since that time the council voted to place the \$10,000 under the responsibility of the CIA.

Moving the money to the CIA created a problem: The CIA board feels it was created for "improvement," not "maintenance," and has voted not to use any of the \$10,000 for snow removal, CIA Chairman Kathy Bourrie told the council. The council feels the city already appropriated money (part of the \$10,000) that could be used to help with the snow removal downtown, and since the CIA was given control of that money, the CIA board should allocate some of it for that purpose.

At last Monday's council meeting, Bourrie noted that part of the problem is a lack of specifics with regard to the CIA itself. The board only has a couple pages of "non-specific" legal opinions providing structure to the CIA, she said,

which has made it difficult for the board to understand its exact purpose and responsibilities.

Regardless, the CIA decided it should not be responsible for snow removal, placing the decision back in the hands of the City Council.

"I'm in favor of giving \$1,000 to GUDA as requested by Bill Gannon," said Councilman Dave Wyman. (Gannon, President of GUDA, made the request at the council's January 10 meeting.)

The council asked City Manager Allen Lowe for his opinion.

Lowe said he had recently contacted several Michigan cities and villages regarding the sidewalk snow removal matter to see how other communities handle it.

"The bottom line is the city or village pays for it (snow removal inside of the business district) one way or another," Lowe said.

City Treasurer Terry McGregor noted that the city cannot legally give money directly to a non-profit organization like GUDA, but could pay a portion of the bills brought about by the snow removal operation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved to pay \$1,000 of the costs incurred by the downtown snow removal effort organized by GUDA for the current winter season. After a second by Councilman Jerry Hayes, the motion passed 5-0.

Crawford Republicans endorse George W. Bush

The Crawford County Republican Committee voted unanimously at its January meeting to endorse Texas governor George W. Bush for President.

After a careful examination of the qualifications of all the persons seeking the Republican nominations. At the same time, the Committee also voted to endorse Chuck Yob of East Jordan for the Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District, currently represented by Democrat Bart

Stupak. This is the first time the Committee has endorsed a candidate prior to the Primary for any office.

Members of the Committee continued its programs of donating books for children which are distributed for free distribution by local doctor and dentist offices, and food for the local food bank.

Chuck Yob will be the main speaker at the Crawford County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner at Shoppenagon's Inn on Saturday,

Snowmobile trail, crossing to reopen

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doing much of the work that resulted in the crossing being reopened.

The agreement between Lake State and the AVSA states that the association must pay the railway company for up to \$1,000 per month in "actual costs" generated by main-

tenance and snow removal performed on the crossing during the winter season. The agreement is just for this winter.

"Now all we've got to do is get some bodies out there and get a trail put back in," said Fille.

The closing of the crossing severed the link between the Grayling to Blue Bear trail and the trail from Grayling to Frederic. A maintained trail leading from the Blue Bear Connector used to go through the crossing then north and east to Old 27. Once across Old 27, snowmobilers could then hook up with the Grayling to Frederic trail or the Grayling to Lovells trail.

Once the AVSA's volunteer workers take care of trail preparations such as signing, brushing and grooming, the connection will be restored. AVSA members began work on the project this week.

The restored trail will add another six miles to the AVSA's workload. The association, through contracts with the Department of Natural Resources, is currently responsible for maintaining 61 miles of area snowmobile trail, including the Blue Bear Connector, the Frederic Trail, the Skyline Trail, and the Hanson Hills Trail.

The association's agreement with Lake State will have to be renewed for the crossing to remain open. It is also possible the crossing will be designated as a public crossing at some point in the future.

February 19 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Shoppenagon's or Goodale's Bakery, or by calling 348-7607 or 348-7253.

Yob is currently representing Michigan on the National Republican Committee. Also expected to be on the program are Fourth District U.S. Representative Dave Camp, a representative from the office of U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham, State Senator George McManus, and State Representative Ken Bradstreet.

Before the 2002 election, the legislature will reapportion all Congressional and State legislative seats in line with the population shifts which show up in this year's

census.

Preliminary estimates are the Upper Peninsula has lost 40,000 citizens since 1990, according to figures supplied to Michigan Republican State Committee member Art Thayer. According to Thayer, this means the area of the First Congressional District in the Lower Peninsula may have to be expanded.

"With Crawford County split between the First and Fourth Districts," said Thayer, "it is quite possible that all of Crawford could end up in the First District, making the election of Congressman for that district important to all of the country."

Bradley and Gore drop out of February 22 primary

Michigan voters who want to vote for the Democratic presidential candidates of either Bill Bradley or Al Gore must vote in the March 11 Democratic presidential caucus.

The Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) does not recognize the results of the February 22 Republican primary, therefore Bill Bradley and Al Gore removed their names from the February 22 ballot.

Many municipalities throughout the state will have local elections on February 22, and all voters are encouraged to vote in their local elections on that day.

The only name on the Democratic portion of the February 22 ballot will be Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. who is not recognized.

as a Democrat by either the national or the state Democratic Party.

The MDP reminds all Democrats who plan to vote by mail to have their application at the Party by March 3 at 5 p.m. All ballots are due at the Party by March 10 at 5 p.m.

A vote by mail application is available by stopping by or writing the Party at 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933; e-mailing the Party at midemdp@aol.com; faxing the Party at (517) 371-2056; or downloading an application at the Party website: www.mi-democrats.com.

The MDP encourages Michigan Democrats to vote on March 11, either by mail or in local caucuses.

Cause of fire remains under investigation

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The investigation of the fire has been turned over to the Michigan State Fire Marshall's Office in Gaylord. Special Sergeant Mark Strange could only say the cause of the fire is undetermined, but

remains under investigation. Brooks said he will await Strange's report before making any determination as to the cause of the fire. In addition, no report from insurance investigators has been received by either Strange or Brooks.

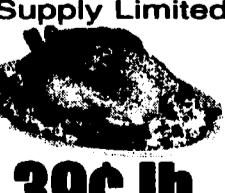


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Arts & crafts show returns after one year absence

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A very popular arts & crafts show, most likely Crawford County's largest, will return this fall as a result of the combined efforts of the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) and Mercy Hospital Auxiliary.

The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show will be juried and take place Saturday, October 21 at Grayling High School, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Organizers of the show are asking all interested artists and crafters to enter and apply early for 5' by 10' spaces at a cost of \$25 each. There are a few spaces with access to electricity. Space will be assigned as applications are received.

Each exhibitor must bring their own display set-up. This includes tables, chairs, racks and easels. Set

up time is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. the morning of the show. All exhibits must be cleared from the building no later than 5:45 p.m. as organizers have possession of the school only until 6 p.m. that day. No pets, radios or smoking will be allowed inside the school cafeteria.

Exhibitors must agree to hold the GPA, Mercy Hospital Auxiliary and the Crawford AuSable schools free from any and all liability regarding the responsibility of their display and merchandise. Exhibitors are advised not to leave their displays unattended at any time during the show.

Exhibitors must provide show organizers with either a Michigan Sales Tax I.D. or complete a one-time Concessionaire's Tax Form to participate. Organizers will have Concessionaire's forms on hand.

Exhibitors will be offered complimentary coffee and donuts upon arrival, but will only be available up until 11 a.m. that day. Food and drinks will be available in the school cafeteria.

Publicity of the Holiday Arts & Crafts Show will be taken care of by show organizers. A committee has been assigned to publicize through radio commercials, newspaper advertising, television public service announcements, posters and flyers.

To enter, artisans and crafters must send three (3) photographs of their current work to the jury. All items must be handcrafted. No manufactured, ready made, mass-produced or other non-handmade items will be allowed entry into the show.

Applications must include a self-

addressed, stamped, business-size envelope (#10) for the purpose of returning photographs along with acceptance or rejection notifications from the jury. Make check or money order in the proper amount according to amount of exhibit spaces desired and make payable to: Grayling Promotional Association.

Send completed application, photographs, entry fee and self-addressed, stamped envelope no later than June 10, 2000 to: Sherry Hanson, P.O. Box 150, Grayling MI 49738.

Checks or money orders will be deposited upon acceptance into the show. Once accepted, entry fees are not refundable.

Applications may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Marianne Gosnell at (517) 348-8253.

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It's Have a Heart time again for the animals

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Valentine's Day has been the traditional kick-off day for the *Have a Heart for the Animals* fundraising campaign. This year is no different.

All around Grayling and Crawford County bright pink paper hearts will be offered for display at area businesses for a donation toward the operating costs of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Funds raised will also be used in the Shelters very successful spay/neutering program.

Last year more than 300 animals

were served through the program that is helping to slowly reduce the growth of the cat and dog population in the county. But, according to Director Dixie Lobsinger, more needs to be done to stop the birth of so many unwanted animals.

The Animal Shelter is located on Huron Street in Grayling. Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours each week at the shelter or would like to make a donation should call 348-4117.

Mail donations to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 869, Grayling MI 49738



Road Commission plans timber bridge project

► Bridge over East Branch on Lewiston Grade to be replaced with timber bridge

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A bridge over the AuSable River's East Branch on Lewiston Grade Road is scheduled to be replaced by the Road Commission for Crawford County this year.

The bridge, located just off of M-93 near Hartwick Pines, is used mainly by snowmobilers during the winter. The Road Commission has secured funding for the bridge replacement from several sources.

Grants have been approved for the project from the U.S. Forest Service (\$35,000), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry

Division (\$16,000), the DNR Parks Division (\$15,000), and the Northern Michigan Road-Stream Crossing Initiative (\$10,000). The Road Commission will foot the bill for the remainder of the \$106,000 project.

Northwest Design Group (NDG), the Road Commission's consulting engineer firm, presented the final plans for the Lewiston Grade Road bridge at last Thursday's board meeting.

The contract for the project is being split into two parts. The first covers removal of the existing structure, minor stream work, some excavation, and putting together the lower portion of the bridge, including the pilings. (Road Commission crews will construct the top portion of the structure, and will also take care of approach work.)

The second contract involves fur-

nishing the materials for the timber bridge, and delivering them to the site.

Upon completion, the timber structure will be 16 feet wide, with a 14-foot traveling lane, spanning 22 feet. The bridge is intended for one-lane traffic, and is wide enough for a snowmobile trail groomer to go across it.

The bridge will be paved, and will have guardrails. To protect the asphalt from snowmobile damage, sections of conveyor belt will be attached to the top of the bridge, Howard Haselschwardt of NDG said.

NDG offered a basic timeline for the progress of the project, following the first step of advertising the project for bids. Bids would be opened at the March 2 board meeting, then after review, NDG would make a recommendation for award-

ing of the bid. In mid-May, delivery of the materials and early construction work could start.

Board Vice-Chairman John Hartman moved to approve the final Lewiston Grade Road bridge plans as presented by NDG. Chairman Tom Perry provided a second, and the motion passed 2-0.

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Be a big loser for the Christian Help Center

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A challenge posed by a local woman for the community to lose weight for charity is gathering momentum. At least 12 teams willing to shed pounds to raise money and staples for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center have signed on so far for *Pounds of Care 2000*.

Mary Neal came up with the idea to have folks donate to the Help Center one dollar or one pound of food for every pound lost between February 1 and May 1. "Everyone wins with this contest," Neal said. Biggest losers (or should we say winners) will be recognized for their efforts and donations. The Help Center and its customers will be big winners, too.

Some items in short supply at the Help Center are non-fat dry milk, pancake mix, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, soup, sugar, and cereal.

Neal is the daughter of John Alef, Sr., the man who started Thank You Grayling Day. She said, over the

years, her father always found ways to help the community and would like to follow in his footsteps as well as honor him with this special fundraiser.

The best thing about *Pounds of Care 2000*, said Neal, is that there really are no rules or official weigh-ins and it is not too late to sign up for the challenge that runs until May 1. Neal said everyone will be on the honor system.

Participants need not be on a team to enter the contest. Individuals are just as welcome to join. "Even if just one person gets healthy through this fundraiser, I say hallelujah!" she said. "It's very important to me that everyone eat healthily, get some exercise and maybe even quit smoking."

The team concept seemed to be a motivational factor for Neal. She said competition among teammates may bring better results and would like *Pounds of Care* to become an annual project benefiting a different local charity each year. Teams have formed at the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling Middle School, Grayling High



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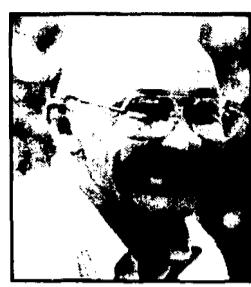
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

DeVos-Engler spat will smooth itself

JUST WHEN everything in the Michigan Republican party seemed lined up for the stern challenge of crucial elections this year, Betsy DeVos, suburban housewife and GOP state party chair, threw a monkey wrench into the works.

She quit after almost four years as party chair, in part serving as the GOP's resident partisan pit bull.

Of course, Betsy DeVos is not quite your stereotypical suburban housewife. She's part of one of the world's richest families -- the Amway DeVos family -- which has given generous support to Republicans and their policies for many years.

Differences with Gov. John Engler over "leadership style" and "philosophical differences" about their respective roles in the Michigan party caused her to quit, she said.

"It's no secret ... that Gov. Engler has been unhappy with my refusal to go along with all of his requests," Ms. DeVos said.

"It is obvious that the governor prefers a follower in the job as party chair, not a

leader. I have never been a rubber stamp."

* * *

EVERYONE CONCERNED denies it, but there's little doubt the most serious "philosophical difference" between them is school vouchers.

Richard DeVos, Betsy's husband, heads the Kids First! Yes! campaign for school vouchers in the November election.

Mr. Engler long has championed school choice and even vouchers, but he came out against the November vote because he thinks it will hurt Republican chances of winning crucial candidate races in the fall, especially the state supreme court and legislative races, to say nothing of the presidency.

The State Republican Committee, which Ms. DeVos headed, was all set to endorse the voucher campaign at its autumn meeting, shortly after Mr. Engler stoutly and unexpectedly voiced his opposition.

In deference to the governor's late-appearing objections, Ms. DeVos reluctantly

agreed to call off the expected party endorsement.

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THEN THERE was last month's Republican presidential debate at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Ms. DeVos arranged the debate, apparently without checking first with the governor.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Mr. Engler's choice, at first had "a schedule conflict," then when the debate was not canceled, Mr. Bush decided to attend.

How much these two items triggered the DeVos resignation only true insiders know for sure -- and the only true insider in Michigan Republican politics is John Engler himself.

No matter how you slice it, John Engler has indeed been the de facto Republican party leader in Michigan for almost 20 years, since he was Republican leader in the state senate and helped now U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham become party chair in 1993.

Mr. Engler, while GOP state senate leader, raised money, built staff and developed issues to put the Republican party back into stride.

Riding the crest of the Reagan-Bush years in the White House, the Michigan Republican rebirth was strong enough for underdog State Sen. John Engler to nose out incumbent Gov. James Blanchard in 1990, and underdog Spencer Abraham to upset U.S. Rep. Bob Carr in the senate race in 1994.

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ALL THIS TIME, and even through 1999, John Engler has maintained tight control over the Michigan Republican Party.

The party is run from the governor's office, not party headquarters. Very few things happen in Michigan Republicanism without Engler approval.

Once in a while, a streak of independence asserts itself.

At a state nominating convention a few years ago, Mr. Engler's choice for one of the

state education boards was bumped by the delegates.

Then two years ago, upstart delegates spurned the Engler choice for attorney general. Both non-Engler candidates lost in the main election. Maybe the governor knew what he was talking about.

Betsy DeVos is a strong willed person. It's not really surprising that her idea of political leadership should conflict with Mr. Engler's version of what a party chair should be.

Perhaps the surprise is that she lasted so long in the job.

But the Michigan GOP will hardly miss a beat. Being the political savant he is, Mr. Engler likely has a back up plan. The next chair will be in tune.

Everything will turn out fine for Mr. Engler's party -- as long as the Amway family money keeps flowing its way.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Was GHS heat outage staged for sake of bond proposal?

To the editor,

In answer to the article printed in the January 27 issue of the Avalanche regarding the high school improvement campaign:

Superintendent Kent Reynolds' response was if the high school was equipped with two boilers as other schools in the district employ. Another mark in favor of at least one of two bond proposals on June 12, 2000 this kind of thing wouldn't happen.

I believe after three failures to pass this bond, the voters have spoken not once, not twice, but three times. I wonder what part of "no" don't they understand.

The Crawford AuSable Schools should take a lesson from the Gaylord Schools, who are having financial difficulty, by cutting back just as they are doing. The bond issues for the schools are a thing of the past and of the 20th century.

This is what happens when you don't have a sensible budget and try to spend more than you have.

Mr. Reynolds' remarks on the boiler breaking down makes you wonder if this incident wasn't just staged.

I have attended several school board meetings and nothing has changed. The school board just keeps moving their priorities from one place to the other

instead of creating a sensible budget. I urge all seniors and voters to vote "no" on both propositions, one and two.

We do not need to spend two and a half million dollars on a gym. Keeping these schools open at night seems to be more for entertainment than for education.

I can tell you that the marketing and interest cost will be closer to \$20,000,000. Is it really worth it?

Norman E. Seaver
Grayling

Editor's note: Regarding the January 27 article - titled "High school improvement campaign begins again" - Superintendent Kent Reynolds was not quoted directly. The paragraph in question reads: 'Superintendent Kent Reynolds said this kind of thing wouldn't occur if the high school was equipped with two boilers as other schools in the district employ.' The remainder of the paragraph - 'Another mark in favor of at least one of two bond proposals the Crawford AuSable School Board is gearing up to present to the voters June 12.' - was a statement made by a staff writer, not by Mr. Reynolds. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

New fishing rules irk another river lover

To the editor,

I am writing in support of Frank Grant who wrote last week regarding the new River Rules on the Manistee River.

I am sure Mr. Grant was completely unaware of the pending action of the State Fisheries Division of the DNR--heavily supported by the Upper Manistee River Association (UMRA) and Trout Unlimited (TU). I am told by Thomas J. Rozich (Fisheries Division) that there was a notice in the Avalanche last May regarding an open meeting at Grayling High School.

I am sure that there are many downstate landowners (as well as many local landowners) along the Manistee who are still completely unaware of any meeting held regarding river rules and who will be very surprised when they purchase their Fishing License/TROUT Stamp this spring.

I live almost across the river from Mr. Grant--although we have never met. I live here full-time and my husband and I purchased the property in 1969--moving here full-time in 1973.

My husband was an avid fly fisherman who enjoyed the peace and beauty of the stream whether he caught anything or not. However, he was not above throwing out a worm or two on occasion.

He also enjoyed teaching the grandchildren how to fish and felt that was the way to pass on his love of the sport to a youngster. As Mr. Grant pointed out, now that oppor-

tunity has been taken away.

Fly-fishing is a much more expensive hobby than bait fishing. Not every parent can supply boots/waders and a fly rod (plus flies) to their children (new ones almost each year as they grow). A bait rod and a can of worms are almost universally affordable.

It has been my observation that those most adamant about changing the rules are retired persons with above average retirement income. I can assure these folks that they don't love the river any more than the rest of us--and they aren't taking any better care of it than we do.

Moreover, many of these folks have built or inherited homes built very close to the river and now want us to build 200 feet back so we can have a "filtered view." Let me tell you—I want a clear view.

For many years my husband and I were members of TU and then UMRA. Not any more. These organizations have become special interest groups comprised of fishing elitists who feel they know best.

Mr. Grant, I don't know if there is any chance at changing things, but I'm with you and I'm sure there are many others.

If anyone wants to make their feelings known they can contact Mr. Rozich at the Cadillac District Headquarters of the DNR, 8015 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601. Please let him know that we are not alone.

Betty Bennett
Grayling

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

QUESTION: Everyone seems to be using dietary supplements these days, from high-dose vitamins to herbs. Some people probably don't even know what they are taking. Shouldn't there be some guidelines for those who want to use supplements?

SIGNED: Supplement Suspicious

ANSWER: "St. John's Wort, Echinacea, Ginkgo, Ginseng!" These strange sounding names have become well known words as the sales of dietary supplements have grown in leaps and bounds during the past five years. Approximately 30 to 53 percent of Americans use dietary supplements regularly. This amounts to around 100 million people. During the past decade alone, the use of high dose vitamins increased over 100% and the consumption of herbs increased nearly 400%.

Who are all of these supplement users? Research from the National Institutes of Health shows for the most part they are well educated individuals with above average incomes. Their diets are above average in nutrients, low in fat, high in fiber and specific vitamins and minerals. They also tend to be more physically active and follow the recommended guidelines for diet and exercise. Then, why do these people feel the need to use supplements?

According to surveys, three-fourths of those who take vitamins and minerals believe it is to protect against an inadequate diet while the users of botanical supplements say they are trying to prevent disease, reduce signs of aging or treat an illness or condition already present. Because the long term use of supplements still needs more research to determine its safety, and because

supplement use may cause medical problems or side effects, the American Dietetic Association recommends the decision to use them should only be made after completing the following:

(a) Talk to your physician and/or a registered dietitian about your wish to use supplements. These individuals can assess your diet and nutrient intake and make recommendations based on both the most current scientific knowledge on supplements and your own medical needs.

(b) Make sure you understand how to avoid excessive intake of supplements, how supplements could interact with current medication or treatment and if there are any side effects.

(c) If you are thinking about taking a supplement, find out all the information you can about its reported benefits, the risks associated with its use, safe levels and drug interactions.

(d) If you are already taking a supplement, bring the package when seeing your health care provider. This can help him or her get a better understanding of all the ingredients in a product and advise you accordingly.

(e) If you are already taking a dietary supplement, be sure to inform those giving you medical treatment of all supplements, along with all prescription drugs and non-prescription drugs.

For more information on supplements, the Office of Dietary Supplements has a bibliographic database of published articles. Entitled the International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements (or IBIDS) database, it can be computer accessed at the ODS website: <http://www.ods.od.nih.gov>

Manufacturers of supplements would like all of us to believe that dietary supplements in a bottle play the same role, or enhanced role, as the same substances in foods. However, many experts believe that much more research is needed to determine the true effectiveness of supplements as well as the safety of these products with long term use.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every

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Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Youth Bowling League to host carnival

The Grayling Youth Bowling League will host a carnival at Legion Lanes on Saturday, February 19, at 4 p.m. The event will feature food, games, and all sorts of activities for both children and adults, including fortune telling, face painting, basketball, wheel of fortune, and plinko. Tickets for admission can be purchased at the door for 50 cents each, or 12 for \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Grayling Youth Bowling League.

Band Boosters plan membership meeting

The Viking Band Boosters' membership meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School Band Room. All band members' parents are invited to attend.

Learn about floral arranging with garden club

The Kirtland Garden Club will hold their February meeting at the First Congregational Church of Roscommon on Monday, February 21 at 1 p.m. Twigs and Blooms of Gaylord, a flower grower and garden shop, will demonstrate floral arranging. Call Debbie at (517) 821-6244 or Lenore at (517) 366-5735 to reserve a spot.

Learn how to build your own pond garden

Considering a Pond Garden? Now is the time to start planning and preparing. Advanced Master Gardeners Barb Bishoff and Jean Schneider will be explaining preparation supplies needed, site location considerations, plant selection, and maintenance and care procedures for that dreamed-about Pond Garden. Join the Master Gardeners at their monthly meeting on Monday, February 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Lyon Township Hall for an informative and fun evening. Reservations are not required but additional information may be obtained by calling President Barb at (517) 275-5832. Everyone is welcome, whether a Master Gardener or an interested gardener.

Donations needed for rummage sale

Organizers are now accepting donations for the 2nd Annual Project Graduation Super Rummage Sale to be held March 17-19. No items too big or too small. Clean out that attic, garage, basement or closet and consider donating items to the sale that benefits the Grayling High School graduating class of 2000. Call Chuck Dickie at 349-5174 and leave a message for drop off or pick up arrangements.

Snowmobile Association plans trail stop

On Saturday, February 12, the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) will be hosting a trail stop at the new ORV parking lot just south of County Road 612 near Frederic on the Blue Bear Connector Trail. The event will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by and talk snowmobiling with AVSA members, check out the association's groomers, and enjoy the warmth of a bonfire. Free hot dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate will be on hand.

GMS and GHS Choir Boosters to meet

All parents of GMS and GHS Viking choir students are invited to attend the next Viking Choir Boosters meeting, Thursday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Committees will be assigned and a discussion of ideas to improve the booster program. Parents are reminded that donating time, no matter how large or small the amount, is important to the choir students and the future success of the Choir Booster program.

St. John ladies host luncheon card party

The ladies of St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce Street in Grayling, will host a luncheon and card party in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 16. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games of your choice. Everyone is welcome. Call 348-5224 for more information.

Rialto hosts classic North by Northwest

As part of the Classic Movie Series, the 1959 Hitchcock thriller *North by Northwest* will be shown at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, February 10 at a matinee and an evening showing. Cary Grant stars in the 3,000-mile chase across America, as an advertising executive mistaken for a spy and pursued across the country while he looks for a way to survive. Tickets for the performances are \$5 at the door for both matinee and evening shows. Doors to the Rialto Theater open at 1:40 p.m. for the 2 p.m. matinee and 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show.

WMU Symphony to perform at GHS

On Wednesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m., the 85-member Western Michigan University (WMU) String Symphony, under the direction of Professor Bruce Uchimura, will take to the stage of the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School for a rare appearance in the area. Doors to the auditorium open at 6:45 p.m. with the performance beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and students and are available at the Box Office or at the door. For more ticket information call 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120.

GYBC hosts Lumber Jack Breakfast

A part of the festivities of Winter Fun Days, the Grayling Youth Booster Club (GYBC) will host a Lumber Jack Breakfast at Hanson Hills on Sunday, February 13, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$2.50 for kids 12 and under; \$3.50 for adults. Proceeds go to provide free skiing instruction for 4th and 5th grade students.

Valentine's photo shoot to benefit animal shelter

Valentine's Day is coming and wouldn't you love to have a photo of your favorite sweetheart?

Join in on the fun Saturday, February 12 in the Crown Jewelers building, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where photos will be taken of your pet, or you and your pet, surrounded by a colorful Valentine's setting. A choice of Polaroid or digital photo will be offered for a minimum donation of \$4.

There will be door prizes and treats for those special pets in this first-time Valentine's event sponsored by Crown Jewelers and North Country Pet Resort.

All proceeds go to the daily operating expenses of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

For more information or to make a reservation a certain time for your pet's photo shoot, call Tina at (517) 348-2815 or (517) 821-9137.

Enjoy a bowlful for charity

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Frederic Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (FES PTO) is asking everyone to help them "fill the empty bowls in our community" with their Empty Bowls Benefit.

Last year, Frederic students handcrafted ceramic bowls and donated them to the benefit scheduled for Friday, February 11, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Frederic Elementary School, located at 6470 Manistee in Frederic.

The menu is of the all-you-can-eat

variety with chili, soups, breads, rolls and beverages on the menu. The cost is only \$5 and you get to keep the bowl!

All proceeds from the Empty Bowls Benefit go to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and to an emergency fund set up to help Frederic Elementary School families who befall a crisis.

The Empty Bowls Benefit is another event in conjunction with Grayling Winter Fun Days, February 11-13. As the FES PTO and Frederic students say, "Let there be no empty bowls!"

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The group will present "Literature and Music: Great Stories Inspire Great Compositions," including

excerpts from Sergei Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo & Juliet."

Doors to the Stripe Auditorium open at 6:45 p.m. with the performance beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Box Office or at the door.

For more ticket information call 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120.

Master Gardener program to begin

Crawford County MSU-E is providing its Master Gardener program from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., on Wednesdays, March 1 through May 10.

Classes will be held at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Course fee is \$150 per person or \$200 per household. Instructors will be a combination of University and professionals in their field.

To qualify as a Master Gardener, 10 weeks of three-hour classes, including plant and oil science, lawn care, pest management, woody ornamentals and flower gardening must be completed. In addition, gardeners must complete 40 hours of community service related to gardening.

For more information or for registration forms, call the MSU-E office at (517) 344-3264.

Sign up on-line as organ donor

Citizens who wish to register as an organ donor with the Michigan Organ and Tissue Donor Registry may do so now through the Michigan Secretary of State's web site.

An on-line organ donor registry card can be found today at www.sos.state.mi.us.

To submit the enrollment card, residents follow the step-by-step directions. Their driver license number is required on the electronic form in lieu of their signature as authorization to place their name on the registry.

More than 2,400 Michigan residents are waiting for a life-saving transplant.

Through the Secretary of State's organ donor registry program, more than 160,000 names have been added to the Michigan Organ and Tissue Donor Registry since August 1998. Prior to that, the registry held about 16,000 names.

Health Dept. offers vaccine

According to Sue Lucksted, RN PHN, District Health Department #10 still has a few pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccines left.

Cost is \$11 or the Health Department may bill Medicaid or Medicare.

Anyone 65 years and older, or those suffering from long-term health problems should consider this vaccine for protection from pneumonia. Check with your health care provider or call the Health Department at (517) 348-7800.

District Health Department #10 is located at 202 Meadows Drive in Grayling.

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The Bible Speaks

Has ecology replaced God?

A coalition of loggers have brought a lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service accusing them of foisting the "religion" of the Deep Ecology movement on all Americans by their adopted policy for timber management. The loggers claim the Forest Service has been pressured by radical environmental groups into accepting the "religious" conviction that trees have spiritual value and should not be cut down. "Environmental issues are, for many people, religious issues," said Bron Taylor, a professor of both environmental and religious studies at the University of Wisconsin. Taylor added, "Whenever people invoke the language of the sacred, we're entering the realm of religion."

"You can preach that trees are sacred, that the Earth is my mother, the sun is my father and all that. But in demanding that the government accept your beliefs, you've crossed the line," said Stephen Young, the former dean of Hamline Law School in St. Paul. Young believes Deep Ecology passes that test introduced by a Norwegian philosopher in the 1970s.

Deep Ecology holds that the natural world has intrinsic worth. It is not a commodity. And humans have no right to plunder it or to tamper with the grand sweep of evolution by destroying habitat or driving species to extinction. To Young, it's clear this philosophy consti-

tutes a religion because it offers believers a comprehensive framework for understanding the cosmos and their place in it. In his view, pressing Deep Ecology on the Forest Service amounts not to lobbying but to proselytizing. Young says, "Deep Ecology) is an earth-based belief system which can't be proven by science."

In an interview with Kiernan Suckling of the Southwest Biodiversity Center in Tucson, Arizona, Zane Walley, journalist and analyst for the Paragon Foundation said, "Kiernan openly surrenders reasoning to a view that all species, animal and plant, are as important if not more so, than humans. He is represented in mainstream newspapers, including the New York Times as the 'Green Savior.'"

In a recent New York case, for instance, a federal judge held that a public school's Earth Day ceremony crossed the line into religious advocacy when students were asked to give gifts to Mother Earth and to listen to prayers to a "Holy Earth Mother."

In direct contrast to the Pantheistic view of deep ecology stands God's creation mandate. (Gen. 1: 27-29) "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish

the earth, and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." (Genesis 1:27-29) God charges us to trust "... in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." (1 Timothy 6:17) God's creation is not for worship or abuse, but for joyful use. (1 Corinthians 7:21) Radical environmentalism worships and serves the creation instead of our Creator, God. (Romans 1:25)

"Pastor B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

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GVSU and GHS combine for an evening of music

Area residents will have the opportunity to see the Grayling High School (GHS) Band, as well as the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Symphonic Wind Ensemble perform an evening of music Thursday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

The event, the first of two pre-festival concerts, is presented through the CASD Community Education Program's Learning Through Music Series.

This year, the GVSU Concert Band, under the direction of Barry Martin, will join the GHS Band, under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee. The GHS Band will open the concert with selections they are planning to perform in competition at the State Festival. Following a short intermission, the collegiate band will take the stage for the second part of the performance.

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Band Director of the Year, Ormsbee is currently in his 25th year of teaching, 12 of which have been for the Crawford AuSable Schools. In that time the band has grown from 17 members to the current 96-member high school band.

Ormsbee completed his undergraduate work at North Central Michigan College and received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northern Michigan College (NMC). He has completed graduate work at NMC, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan.

The GHS Band has been nominated this year for the Award of Excellence by the American School Band Directors' Association.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble is

the most select band organization at GVSU. The members, music majors as well as talented non-majors, are selected by audition only. This outstanding group performs the most demanding literature in the wind repertoire. Martin is the Director of University Bands at GVSU. He received his M.S. from the University of Illinois.

Proceeds from tickets sold for this event will be forwarded to the GHS Band Department to help with spring band activities. Tickets are \$4-\$5 and are available from any GHS band member or may be purchased at the door the night of performance.

Doors to the auditorium open at 6:30 p.m. and show time is 7 p.m. Please note the earlier show time.

Missionary from Slovenia to speak

On Sunday, February 13, at 6 p.m., Rev. Steve Telzerow will be the guest speaker in a missions service at the Grayling Assembly of God church.

Rev. Telzerow's full-time involvement with missions began in 1991 as a campus pastor at the university in Cologne, Germany.

In 1993, he moved to Slovenia where he met his wife, Barbara. They now have three children.

The Telzerows completed their first term there, and in the United States, have shared the work they have done. They will be returning to Slovenia in April 2000.

Pastor Ron Voelker invites everyone to come and hear how the Telzerows are impacting Slovenia with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Grayling Assembly of God is located at 701 S. I-75 Business Loop, just north of Grayling.

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If we love those whose lives we touch each day, they will know it and they will be drawn to us. Love has a way of mushrooming. Once begun, it spills endlessly upon your life like sunlight from the sky.

Give yourself a Valentine this year. Worship God each week. You will learn to give love...and you will receive love that knows no bounds.



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It's 'old home days' at Rochette's IGA

by Cheryl Ruley

Staff Writer

After 30 years of supermarket employment for other stores in northern Michigan, Gary Calkins has returned home as owner and operator of Rochette's IGA on James Street.

On January 28, Calkins and his wife, Deb, became business owners. "An opportunity came to move back to my hometown, and I took it," Calkins said. He met his wife in 1976 while she was working at an East Jordan grocery store. They have three sons — Chad (age 20), Mike (age 18), and Jeff (age 14).

Calkins, a 1971 Grayling High School graduate, began his career in grocery retailing back when he was a teenager, bagging groceries and working the cash register. He left Grayling in 1975 and worked his way up to managing stores in Rose City, Alpena and Mio.

The couple has spent the last few weeks getting acclimated to owning their own business. They received a lot of help from family and friends preparing to open the store under new ownership — especially from nieces, nephews and Calkins' four brothers. They have swept, scrubbed, fixed-up, stocked and reorganized. "It was a whole family effort," said Calkins.

The new owners hope to bring a



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

NEW OWNERS — Gary and Deb Calkins became the new owners of Rochette's IGA in late January. The couple shares over a quarter century of grocery retailing experience.

more extensive line of groceries to the store shelves, including more recognizable brand names. They are also making inquiries regarding equipment for a new meat department and checking with meat suppliers for the best quality and prices. The Calkins said they take pride in the high quality fresh produce they

have to offer.

"We want the customers to find this to be a pleasant place to shop," Mrs. Calkins said. "We want to be helpful and are open to suggestions."

For years, Rochette's has been a popular place in Grayling to buy beverages at bargain prices. The

Calkins say they will continue high volume beverage sales while enhancing the variety offered.

The store's winter hours are Sunday - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday through Thursday - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Look for their weekly ad in the Avalanche.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled during February 9 through February 15.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

For further information, call (517) 344-6107 or (517) 344-6152.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 45 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from January 30 through February 5:

Two animal control, two misdemeanor arrests, one assault, four assists to other departments, one city ordinance violation, one domestic, four juvenile complaints, two

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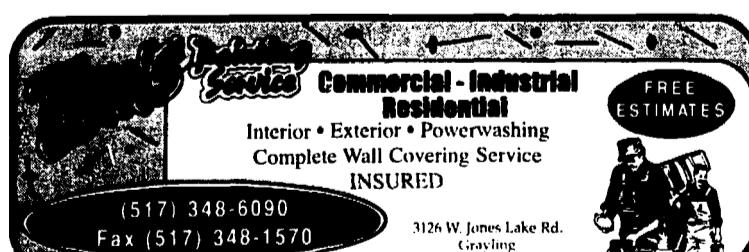
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Duane (Bob) Cassidy and Marilyn Mailley announce their engagement. A June 3, 2000 wedding is planned.

Bob is a life-time resident of Frederic and his bride-to-be lives in Gladwin. They plan to make their home in Frederic.

HONORS

Davenport College, Gaylord Center, has announced the following students who have achieved Dean's List honors recognition for the Fall 1999 term:

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Tom Margben, Patricia Marx, Holly Matewicz, Melissa McClennen, Robert Paillarito, Tabitha Peters, Patricia Repp, Donna Rogers, Angelina Sadro, Nidia Samalik, Karen Thomas, Joseph Wambold.

Students who have achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average, while enrolled at least part time as a Davenport student, are awarded Dean's List honors.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Happiness is produced not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day - Benjamin Franklin.

Special announcement concerning the surplus TEFAP food. It will be distributed on Tuesday, February 15th at the Eagles Club from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the food that is given out every three months.

Upcoming events:

February 9 - Commodities (monthly) distributed at the Eagles Club from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; monthly birthday dinner at 5 p.m. with the COA White Elephant Auction after dinner.

February 10 - BP's taken 11 a.m. - noon; Special Casino trip with Seniors Unlimited leaves for Mt. Pleasant from the mall parking lot at 10 a.m.

February 11 - Pantry Bingo

February 14 - Special version of Hangman.

February 15 - Surplus food dis-

tributed. Eagles Club, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; St. Valentine's Dance at 5:30 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday; a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

Lunch/Dinner for February 2000:

9 - Chicken Pot Pie/Swiss Steak

10 - Beef Stew/Baked Ham

11 - Chicken Stir Fry/no dinner

14 - Pepper Steak/Meatloaf

15 - Chopped Sirloin/Chicken Chow Mein

16 - Beef Tips and Noodles/Liver and Onions

17 - Chicken and Dumplings/Italian Pork

18 - Home Pride Steak/no dinner.

Special thought to leave you with. He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

The 1800 census records are now available at the Crawford County Library on microfilm.

The microfilm reader is available on a first-come first-serve basis with 30 minutes to finish if someone else signs up for it. Copies are 25 cents each.

Cabin Fever continues at the Crawford County Libraries with coupons from Burger King and BlockBuster Video.

Grayling Winter Fun Days Book

Sale will be Thursday and Friday, February 10 and 11 at the Crawford County Library's Children's Room.

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"A" Honor Roll, Grade 9: Samantha Collin, Kip Franklin, Jamie Zelek.

Kirtland announces Winter 2000 Reading

Kirtland Community College's Instructional Division has announced the Winter 2000 line-up for its heralded *Controlled Burn* Reading Series.

The series, which brings nationally renowned authors and poets to northern Michigan, begins its seventh year with a great schedule, and all readings are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, February 16, acclaimed poet Marie Howe will appear at Kirtland.

Howe, whose work has appeared in such magazines as *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *The Harvard Review*, is the author

of two collections of poems: *What the Living Do* and *The Good Thief* (winner of a National Poetry Series award).

A winner of numerous awards and honors, she's received a New York State Arts Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship.

On Monday, March 6, Kirtland brings in Michigan fiction writer Bonnie Jo Campbell to the area, author of the award-winning collection of stories, *Women and Other Animals*.

Although she currently teaches at Bowling Green University, she is a native and resident of southwestern

Michigan.

Besides winning the Associated Writing Programs Award in short fiction for her book, Bonnie Jo has also won the North American International Auto Show's open fiction award for her story, "Shifting Gears."

On Wednesday, April 26, poet and editor Richard Foerster comes to help celebrate National Poetry Month by reading from his work.

Foerster is the author of four collections of poetry including 1999's *Trillium* as well as *Patterns of Descent* and other collections. Besides being an award-winning poet (whose honors include a

National Endowment for the Arts fellowship), he is the editor of the nationally acclaimed magazine, *Chester*.

The readings are sponsored by the English and Fine Arts Departments of Kirtland Community College through funding by the school's Instructional Division.

All events are preceded by a question and answer session at 4 p.m. in the Academic Building and followed by a reception and book signing.

For more information, contact Gerry LaFemina at (517) 275-5121, ext. 376.

Series dates

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For The Week Of February 13-19

**Aries
March 21-April 20**

February is the perfect month to consider a self-improvement class. You have enough time to register and rearrange your schedule for a class that could end up being productive for you. Someone at work needs your undivided attention.

**Taurus
April 21-May 21**

Don't expect a very happy Valentine's Day. External factors may cause problems for your partner. Even though your plans fall through, don't put all the blame on your partner. Instead, take time to plan something special later.

**Gemini
May 22-June 21**

Your spouse or partner will weigh heavily on your mind all week. Don't push your feelings aside. Dive into them before it's too late. This is not the best time to get involved in a possible investment situation. A new plan is not guaranteed.

**Cancer
June 22-July 22**

Those of winter blues getting you down? How about planning a Valentine's Day party for your friends? If you're down in the dumps, others probably are too and could use a pick-me-up. Start the planning close to home.

**Leo
July 23-August 23**

You'll start noticing signs this week that will help you feel more positive about the year as it progresses. Your goals for the millennium will become clearer, and you'll be able to focus on the really important issues in your life.

**Virgo
August 24-September 22**

The week will present a great way for you to broaden your horizons. Don't let a new opportunity slip by! It's also a good week to try to resolve an issue with a close friend, especially before it grows into an unresolvable problem.

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

February 10, 1977

This weekend will mark the 52nd Annual Grayling Winter Sports Festival, the granddaddy of all of Michigan's Winter Carnivals, and was honored last year by the state an "Embassy of Michigan Tourism."

The White Pine Stamped, Michigan's longest cross country ski event was probably the coldest ski race as well. Over a dozen cases of frostbite were treated as the wind-chill factor was over forty below zero. The race began just north of Frederic and went across Crawford County to Mount Mancelona.

Three children died as a result of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning. A sibling and the parents were also treated for the same problem.

Mrs. Sloan had been taken to the hospital the day before the tragedy to be treated for poisoning. Penny Rae, Raymond Clarence Jr. and Rachel Ann Sloan all succumbed to the fumes. A gas space heater is believed to be the source of the fumes.

Robert F. Kelly Executive Vice President of Bear Archery was awarded the First Annual Joseph Rusinek Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Sport of Archery.

The City Council voted to remove all downtown parking meters, effective February 1, 1977. One of the stipulations was that there would be no employee parking in the downtown area. Discussion was also held regarding setting up a special assessment district downtown.

46 Years Ago

February 11, 1954

Skid tests which have been conducted by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards at the airfield have been completed. The data which has been gathered should help reduce the danger of skidding and "jackknife"

Libra

September 23-October 23

Expect a relationship to take a turn this week. The relationship could be a personal or work-related, but nonetheless, be prepared for change. Be careful who you take advice from. Someone doesn't really have your best interest at heart.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

It may seem as though you don't have anyone to celebrate Valentine's Day with. Not true. Someone close to you would really like to be your valentine. This isn't the best of times for you to consider a big investment. Wait a couple weeks.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

Don't rush into a friendship that could end up in disaster. This new person in your life is really just using you to get ahead. Remember to schedule some special family time this month. Face up to a task you have been avoiding.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

Hope you like surprises. After all, it's Valentine's Day, and you haven't made any big plans yet. It's important you use tact and diplomacy when involved in any communication or meetings at work in the near future.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

A great career opportunity may be headed your way. You've worked hard and deserve any chance that comes along. With that decision on your plate, steer clear of making any kind of financial decisions for the time being.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

Beware of a new coworker who wants to be your friend. He/she may actually be out to get your job or make you look bad. Don't be too judgmental when it comes to your Valentine's Day gift. Just sit back and enjoy the thought.

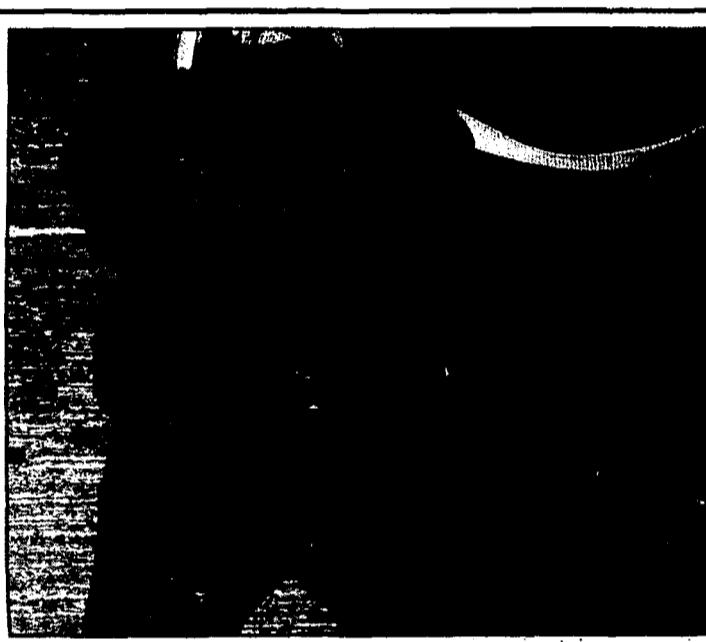
RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pasta With Scallop Sauce

1 lb. scallops
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup butter
1 tbs. garlic, finely chopped
2 tsp. dried parsley or 2 tbs. fresh parsley
1 tsp. dried basil leaves or 1 tbs. fresh basil
1/2 tsp. dried oregano leaves
1/4 tsp. crushed dried red pepper
salt to taste

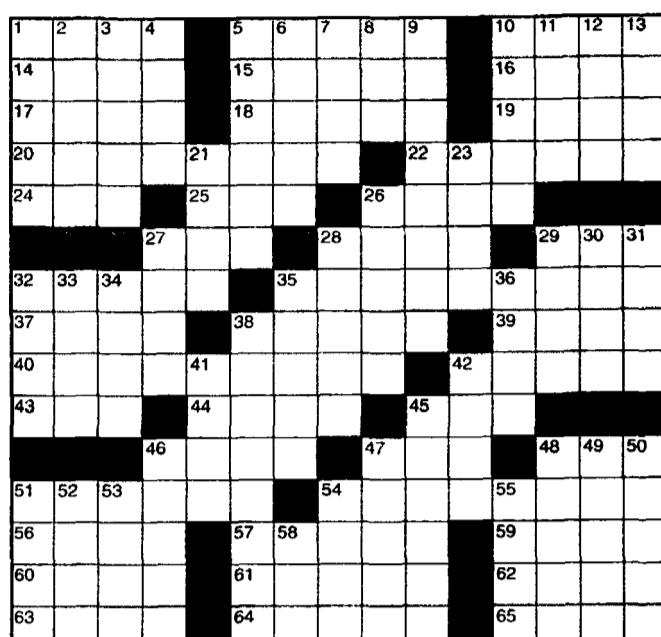
1-1 1/2 lbs. thin spaghetti

Cut the scallops in half. Sauté garlic in olive oil and butter until golden brown. Add parsley, basil, oregano and red pepper. Sauté for a few seconds to bring out the flavor of the herbs. Add the scallops and salt and turn the heat to high until scallops turn from translucent to opaque. Serve on cooked, thin spaghetti. **Serves 6.**



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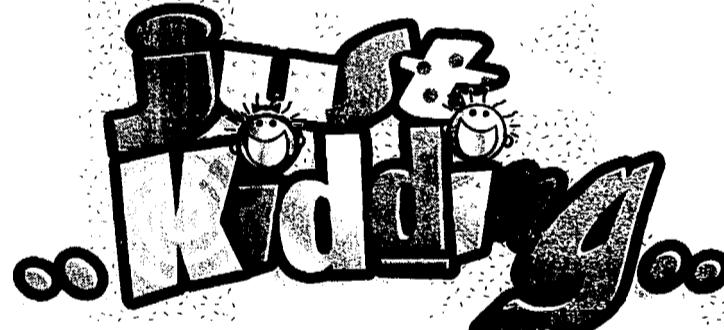
ACROSS

1. Son of Rebekah
5. Make jagged
10. Choreographer Michael
14. Oil-drilling platforms
15. Italian seaport
16. Mrs. Nick Charles
17. Jacket type
18. Window material
19. Solar deity
20. Type of bacon
22. Ambush
24. ___ one's patience
25. At all
26. "Buy my heart at Wounded ___"
27. Toupee, slangily
28. Youthful suffix
29. "Long ___ and Far Away"
32. Twin of 1 Across
35. Deteriorating, as a condition
37. Hollywood biggies
38. Football game segments
39. Bridge expert Sharif
40. Cooking measures
42. Waste maker
43. Fast plane
44. "Big Daddy" Burl
45. Questioning cry
46. Fantastic Four leader Richards
47. Voyage!
48. Author Weidon
51. Halt
54. Protect from waste
56. "Song of the ___ Road" (Whitman)
57. Love madly
59. Pipe fittings
60. 80's teen idol Springfield
61. Is indolent
62. Sped
63. Congressional passages
64. Most insignificant
65. Aphid farmers

DOWN

1. Put up a monument
2. Indian stringed instrument
3. Great distress
4. Jimmy Carter's alma mater: abbr.
5. Urging (on)
6. Electronic switching device
7. Judah's son
8. Windows alternative, on a PC
9. Effortlessness
10. Rascal
11. Modicum
12. ___ Scott
13. Juttlander
42. 5th-century invaders
45. Would I lie?
46. Skating places
47. Wet blankets
48. Refrigeration gas
49. Ward off
50. Sycophant's answers
51. "Dumb" character of comics
52. "Beowulf" e.g.
53. Lubavitchers e.g.
54. Designated driver's order
55. "Tell Mama" singer James
58. Ike's monogram

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS



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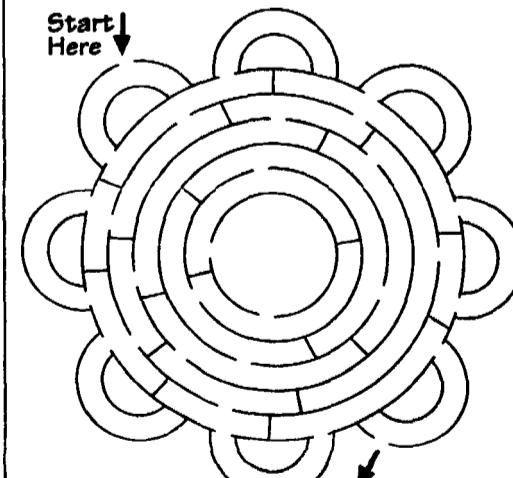
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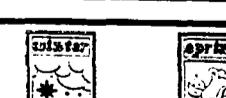
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2/2	25	9	Trace	12"
2/3	27	18	1"	12"
2/4	25	15		12"
2/5	26	-5	.25"	12.25"
2/6	30	-5		12"
2/7	25	-11		12"
Season Total				48.5"

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Wednesday - mostly cloudy, with a 60% chance of snow and a high of 25 - 30.
Thursday - chance of snow, with a low in the teens and a high of 25 - 30. Friday - dry, with a low of 5 - 15 and a high in the mid to upper 20's. Saturday - chance of snow with a low of 5 - 15 and a high in the low to mid 20's.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

OBITUARIES

Albert Harnish Jr.

Albert "Tom" Harnish Jr., 36, of Grayling, died February 3, 2000 at his home. He succumbed after a three month battle with cancer.

Mr. Harnish was born February 2, 1964, the son of Albert T. Harnish Sr. and Laurel B. Dennis in Flint.

Mr. Harnish moved to Grayling from Davison in 1986. He was the chef at Patti's Towne House. He enjoyed shooting pool, playing darts and spending time with his daughter, Jamie.

Mr. Harnish is survived by his daughter, Jamie M. Harnish of Grayling; and two brothers, Michael Harnish of Clio and Jerry (Anna) Prock of Florida; two nephews, Josh Ahronidis of Florida and Chris Prock of Boyne City; special friends, Kenny Spears of Mississippi, Charlie Williams, Noah (BooBoo) Jeziorski, Cindy Merchant, Curtis (Jeanne) Jeziorski, Bob Burch and Patti Sadjak all of Grayling and a host of other beloved friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 4, 2000 at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Reverend Rob Henley officiating. Burial will be in the Flint Memorial Park, Mount Morris.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 71 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of January 24-30:

One ambulance intercept, 15 general non-criminal, 16 traffic accidents, two snowmobile accidents, five civil matter disputes-family trouble, three suspicious situations, one lost & found property, one natural death, two assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault & battery/simple assault, two burglary/home invasions, three larcenies, three fraudulent activities, one non-sufficient check, one damage to property, two public peace/disorderly, one hit & run motor vehicle accident, one OUIL/UBAL, seven health & safety (all animal control calls), one invasion of privacy/wiretap/eavesdropping, one miscellaneous criminal offense and one miscellaneous arrest.

The following 85 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of January 31 - February 6:

One runaway, two false alarm activations, 28 general non-criminal, seven traffic accidents, three snowmobile accidents, eight civil matter disputes-family trouble, six suspicious situations, one assault & battery/simple assault, one aggravated assault-family-other weapon, three burglary/home invasions, three larcenies, one forgery/counterfeiting, two damage to property, seven public peace/disorderly, one hit & run motor vehicle accident, one OUIL/UBAL, eight health & safety (seven of which were animal control calls), and two miscellaneous criminal offenses.

One snowmobile, driven by a 38-year old Livonia man, ran into a parked pick-up truck parked on the west side of Old 27. According to witnesses, the snowmobile was travelling on the roadway at a high rate of speed.

Alcohol does not seem to be a factor in the accident.

Frederic Township Fire and Ambulance, along with North Flight Emergency Medical Services also responded to the scene.

The driver was transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital in critical condition.

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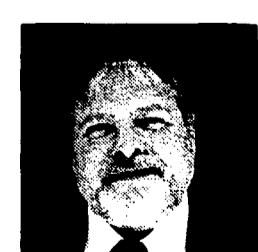
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Doris Louise Gravlin

Doris Louise Gravlin, 70, of Roscommon, died February 1, 2000 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Gravlin was born September 2, 1929, the daughter of Ernest Andrew and Emma Anna (Schultz) Burt in Auburn Heights, Michigan.

The former Doris Louise Burt married Donald Gravlin on June 26, 1948 in Pontiac. She was a bank teller at the Community National Bank. She lived in Waterford before moving to Roscommon in 1991. She was a member of the Women of the Moose-Houghton Lake and the Women of the Eagles-Houghton Lake. She enjoyed the company of her family.

She and her husband, Donald loved to dance at the social clubs. She loved music and played both the piano and keyboard. The Gravlins celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 26, 1998 with family and friends at the Eagles-Houghton Lake.

Mrs. Gravlin is survived by her husband, Donald of Roscommon; two daughters, Susan (Kenneth) Mitchell of White Lake Township and Sherri (Scott) Sellick of Toledo, Ohio; one son Steven (Patricia) Gravlin of White Lake Township; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a twin brother David Andrew Burt and two brothers, Ernest and Donald Burt. Private family service will be held.

The family was served by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Alan L. Johnston

Alan Lee Johnston, 41, of Fort Myers Florida, formerly of Grayling died January 27, 2000 in Fort Myers where he was a resident.

Mr. Johnston was born December 11, 1958 to Ron and Judy Johnston of Grayling.

He is survived by his fiance Angie McCool of Fort Myers; parents Ron and Judy Johnston of Grayling; brothers, Scott (Kim) Johnston of Evanston, Wyoming, Mike (Rachel) Johnston of Fort Myers, Florida; sister, Valerie (Dan) Walker of Grayling; nephews, Derek and Ronnie Johnston, James Walker, Mikey and Conner Johnston; nieces Megan Walker and Emily Johnston.

Services will be held in June.

The family requests that any gifts or donations be sent to a local Hospice program.

Card of Thanks

Opal Coleman passed away January 18. The members of her family wish to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy at this difficult time.

We are grateful to our friends, Mercy Manor and staff, Dr. Gosling, and Sorenson's Funeral Home for the kindness extended to us.

Vera Saunders
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Marcella S. Mitchell

Marcella S. Mitchell, 94 of Boothbay, Maine, formerly of Grayling, died Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at St. Andrews Hospital in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. Mitchell was born June 26, 1905, the daughter of Harry and Emma North Smith in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Mrs. Mitchell grew up on Nantucket Island and graduated from high school there. She was a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School. While at Bridgewater she was the accompanist with the choir. She managed Girls Clubs in Bennington, Vermont and Greenfield, Massachusetts until she married Albert Mitchell. She was a homemaker who volunteered with the Girl Scouts and the PTA. She was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling and also of the Order of Eastern Star. She enjoyed travelling, playing the organ, reading and playing bridge. She and her husband moved to Boothbay from Grayling in 1990.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Albert R. Mitchell of Boothbay, Maine; daughter Marcella (Foster) Shibles of Harrison and Boothbay, Maine; grandsons, Bruce (Jill) Shibles of Pawcatuck, Connecticut, Brian Shibles and his fiance Shelly Montpelier of Norway, Maine, Dwight (Lori) Shibles of Cumberland Center, Maine; great-grandchildren, Tate, Elliott and Grace Shibles all of Pawcatuck, Connecticut, Caitlin and Amy Shibles both of Norway, Maine and Elizabeth Shibles of Cumberland Center, Maine; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrews Hospital, 3 St. Andrews Ln., Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538 or to the Boothbay Region Ambulance Service Building Fund, Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538.

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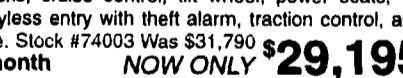
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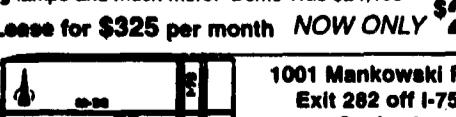
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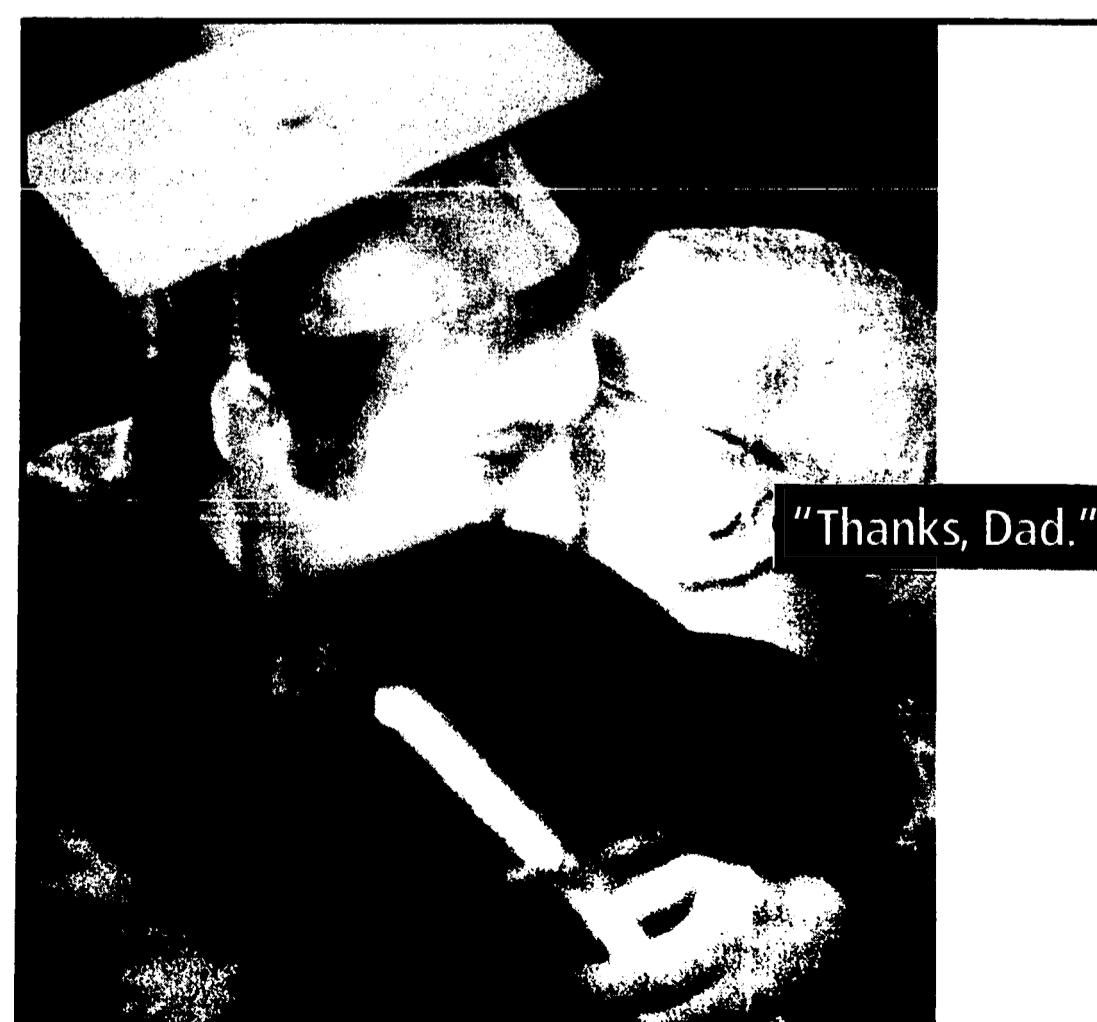
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Camp Grayling Commander retires

► Colonel Gary J. McConnell steps down after 33 years with the military

Colonel Gary J. McConnell, Camp Grayling Commander, celebrated his retirement from the military this past Saturday, after 33 years of service. Over 200 family members, friends, area residents, and fellow soldiers were present for the event, which was held at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Included in the festivities was the symbolic Change of Command ceremony, as McConnell introduced the new Camp Grayling Commander, Colonel Dennis D. Hull.

McConnell started at Camp

Grayling as the full-time Training Site Manager and Deputy Commander in 1994. In 1996, he was appointed Camp Commander. He first enlisted in the military in 1967.

Colonel McConnell holds a private pilot's license with land/sea certification, a BA Degree from Spring Arbor College, and was a certified police officer. He also completed Officer Candidate School.

McConnell has received numerous awards during his time in the military, most recently the Federal Legion of Merit, which was presented at his retirement party on Saturday, February 5.

Colonel McConnell has said he will continue to be involved in the Grayling community following his retirement.



Retiring Camp Commander Colonel Gary J. McConnell (left) and his successor, Colonel Dennis D. Hull (right), took part in the Change of Command ceremony at McConnell's retirement party on February 5.

Looking for a medallion? Here's more clues

► Eight medallions including the 'big' one still out there

The adventure continues in the 2000 Winter Fun Days Festival Medallion Hunt. In case you've missed any of them on the radio, here are all of the clues thus far:

1. Lost years have come and gone, since time we did last meet, like Civil War days of old, did Grant to Lee defeat. But to bridge road and twins up north, you now should head to sing, and stop at campgrounds trail, the end, where Sears has everything.

2. Onward and southward, Grant took his men, to four mile roads and pines, and fueling up fast, he looked around, and saw those little signs. Then off he went, but then forgot, how near he was to heaven, then turned around and soon he found, some gold from seven eleven.

3. Oh, Jefferson Davis, his jewelery so great, did he have such a heart. With wicks of gold, and red so bold, with wines so full of tart.

4. Keep looking round, that Hartwick sound, so big and oh so red. Lincoln logs did lay, or so they say, move them and yer fed.

5. Until such times, as those in past, the Morse Code did exist, and J. Dap Company, in times of need, did men of arms enlist. But, wounded men, on sides of both, when hurt and so alone, did they sure wish, they had the time, like E.T. to phone home.

6. Phone home?? Did you?? I said, said I, in clue I said before?? But now McMasters Bridge is gold, don't stop at Suttlers store.

7. North Down River, is the Road, you now want to explore. With Cartwright and Danewell in mind, you won't give up the store.

8. Choose a bridge, so far out, on North Down you should fix, your sights on weapons of the past, like a northern three-aught-six.

9. Oil's well, that ends well, you'd hear Fred Moore say, the napa gold is yours to keep, if you are on your way. To public access sights so dear, you want to have some fun. Like Johnny Reb, and Billy Yank, they had them on the run.

10. Perhaps you need, another hint, where you should now should be?? I know says I, 'cause now I spy, said Fred, then he said we. We need a lake, to go and stake, our bodies to our bones. But where, we thought, can we re-take, a small lake they call Jones?

11. Please now head west, and visit the hills, old Hanson is the name. Just look around, and high on ground, the gold will be the same. U.S. Grant, when he did eat, for supper he liked fire, when victories did come he sought, some wins from Upper Tire.

12. States rights was, for all intents, a reason for the war, they played around, on hallowed ground, where kids have gone before. The spindly things, you now should see, if Hanson is your place, be sure to check out turning things, for gold you will now grace.

13. Now head out east, and take a rest, before your holiday. And visit fields, where men did fight, and now forever stay. The inn you seek, will meet you there, and thereupon and thence, when you arrive, just look around, and rest near a brown fence.

14. Only fish can swim, in river that fast, so cold plate of chopped liver, will be food you eat, unless you beat, Abe Lincoln to Smith River. Get ye now, and do not sin, and do not say a boo, for out there now, is a one room house, built just for one of you.

15. To say the least, I hope you're fair, in this medallion fun, and so I say, now to you all, seek Dispatch 911. You know I'm there, I really am, General Custer had a line, he later went, out west and fought, a blockbuster of a time.

16. Hope ye not, for empty tank, of gas cause now the wooshes, and go forth now, for parking lot, and rattle dispatch bushes. Lee took his time, and though about, of all the pick up sticks, for now you see, he really hoped for half of Grant's aught sixes.

17. In case you wonder where now to go, please don't pull your hair. For gold you want, from Skip's Sport Shop, you just need to go there. Now listen close, I won't repeat, or maybe I'll just visit. For east and west, it really ain't, but if it ain't, what is it?

18. Soon you'll notice, the pattern we laid, and on the road your goal, first see Jack Millikin, but don't go in, just go look for a pole. Boys became men, hundred years ago, and did not seek the fame, but do you remember, the war they fought, was known by another name??

19. Yes, now I'm hungry, since hunt has started, and pizza has no liver, Buccilli's is now the gold you seek, out on the Manistee River. For those of you, who have no clue, of Civil War by name, can give up now, and just forget, the south is not the same.

20. Even as the hunt now ends, and so does all the stress, Manistee River you should now go, to a fenced public access. If you studied all you clues, you will now make the grade, for north versus south, and not near river, the gold shall all be layed.

Five medallions redeemed so far

According to Medallion Hunt officials, five medallions have been found and redeemed so far in the hunt for 12 small medallions and one large grand prize medallion.

The Holiday Inn medallion was found at Smith Bridge; the J. Dap Co. medallion was found by a pay phone at McMasters Bridge; the Upper Lakes Tires medallion was found on the tic-tac-toe game at Hanson Hills; the Sears medallion was found on the "O" of a stop sign in Lovells; the Davis Jewelers medallion was found at Hartwick Pines State Park.



Jamie Pinkelman of Frederic found the Sears medallion on a stop sign in Lovells. There are still eight medallions, including the large grand prize medallion, yet to be found. The grand prize will be awarded on Friday evening if the large medallion is found by then. Keep hunting!

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GHS ski teams take 1st at Grayling meet

► Vikings win at Hanson Hills; boys team also wins Mt. Pleasant Invitational

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams each took first place at the Burger King Invitational meet at Hanson Hills last Thursday, finishing ahead of teams from Roscommon and Harrison.

In a close match, the GHS girls edged Roscommon 42-49. Harrison finished third with 70 team points.

Top skiers for the girls were Andria Alvarez and Kelly Jansen. Alvarez finished 2nd in giant slalom (GS) and 3rd in slalom, and Jansen placed 2nd in slalom and 3rd in GS. Andy Holzbauer placed 6th in both events and Lesley Gilbert finished 9th in slalom and 11th in GS. Both races were won by Roscommon's Sarah Bradley.

In the boys competition, Matt Ginther won the GS and Ray Trudgeon won slalom. Ginther finished 14th in slalom after falling and Trudgeon placed 8th in GS. Top overall racer for the Vikings was Jason Boreo with a 4th in slalom and 3rd in GS. Derek Quick placed 3rd in slalom and 7th in GS; Paul Jansen was 12th in slalom after a fall and placed 5th in GS; John Herrick placed 5th in slalom and Keil Clough disqualified in GS to finish the running order for the Vikings.

Team scores in the boys event were Grayling 29, Harrison 61, and Roscommon 72.

On Friday, the Grayling skiers faced seven area teams from central Michigan at Silver Ridge near Farwell in the Mt. Pleasant Invitational. Teams included

Roscommon, Harrison, Farwell, Clare, Benzie Central, Saginaw Heritage, and Mt. Pleasant.

The boys team started out a little slow in GS, falling behind Clare by 16 points and Mt. Pleasant by one point.

The slalom race, however, was dominated by Grayling and Mt. Pleasant, as the Vikings placed five boys in the top 13 places out of 57 competitors. Mt. Pleasant placed their top four boys in the first 14. The totals ended up Grayling 84, Mt. Pleasant 87, Benzie 100, and Clare 101.

"The boys discussed the fact that making up 16 points would be a real job," said Coach Mike Wieland. "(They knew) no one had better come out of their starting

gate and not put everything into their effort."

"They were great to watch as each racer really supported their teammates and worked together to overcome the poor giant slalom results," Wieland said.

Top skier for the Vikings was Ginther, who placed 9th in GS and 5th in slalom. Quick was 7th in slalom and 8th in GS. Trudgeon finished 8th in slalom and 15th in GS. Boreo was 12th in slalom and 22nd GS. Paul Jansen finished 13th in slalom and 23rd in GS, and Clough finished 20th in GS and 30th in slalom.

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Ski photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) At the Grayling Burger King Invitational meet held at Hanson Hills last Thursday, GHS skier Andria Alvarez competes in the slalom event. Alvarez ended up taking 3rd place in the slalom, and 2nd in giant slalom (GS). (Above) Ray Trudgeon races in GS. Trudgeon placed 8th in the GS, but won the slalom competition.

Varsity basketball team beats Standish

► GHS basketball squad falls to Tawas but beats Standish to stay at .500, 7-7

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity basketball team kept its record at an even .500 with a loss to Tawas and a win at home against Standish last week. The team is now 7-7 this season.

On Friday, the Vikings maintained a lead over the visiting Standish Sterling Panthers for most of the game.

Grayling opened strong, hitting the first seven points of the game on a take-to-the-hole by Eli Tobin, an alley-oop lay-up by Dave Hawkins on a dish by Tobin, a free throw by Adam Knapp, and a short jumper off the glass by Levi Burkett.

Grayling displayed solid defensive pressure, allowing Standish only one field goal in the first eight minutes. The Vikings also got first period points from a long three-pointer and a free throw by Hawkins and a put-back by Joe Fritz.

The Vikings led 13-5 after eight minutes.

Standish bounced back, scoring the first 11 points of the second quarter to take a 15-13 lead. Grayling then started to score some points. Six points by Tobin, a steal and quick basket by Nick D'Amour on the full court pressure, and a lay-up by Brad Gorski on a long pass by



Center Joe Fritz takes a shot inside against Standish.

Tobin helped give GHS a 23-18 lead at halftime.

Grayling scored 14 points to Standish Sterling's 10 in the third quarter, extending the Grayling lead to nine, 37-28.

The Vikings scored points on a short jumper, a tip-in and a triple by Hawkins, a nice move to the basket by Gorski, and a fast break lay-up and three-pointer by Tobin.

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See "VARSITY TEAM..."

49-inch muskie speared on Margrethe



Ron Graham (left) of Davison speared a 49-inch, 37-pound muskie on Friday, February 4, during an evening fishing outing on Lake Margrethe. Graham, a friend of Colonel Gary McConnell (right), was in town for McConnell's retirement party. In what was Graham's first time spearing, he nailed the huge muskie through a hole in the ice in Randy Thompson's fish shanty. The muskie is estimated to be about 10 years old.

Freshmen volleyball team wins series 2-1

► After a rough first game, the Vikings come back to win games 2 & 3

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS freshmen volleyball team rallied to win a two-of-three series 2-1 against the visiting Tawas Braves last Wednesday, after being blown out in game one 15-1.

The Vikings couldn't get anything going in the first game, and had trouble handling the Tawas serves. Grayling's only point came on an ace by Ashley Bancroft after a shot by Tracy Austin at the net got GHS the ball.

In game two, the Vikings warmed up. An ace by Carmen Hulbert started the game for GHS. A shot up front on Hulbert's serve by Bancroft scored a second point. After a Tawas point, GHS scored on an ace by Austin.

A good shot by Janelle Gregorich regained possession for the Vikings, setting up a serving chance for Tabatha Kitchen. GHS scored five points on the opportunity, including three aces by Kitchen to take an 8-1 lead.

Later, an ace by Gregorich put GHS up 9-1. Tawas then got two back on a pair of aces. Grayling won a long rally on Hulbert's serve to go back up by seven, 10-3.

On two separate serving chances, the Braves whittled away at the GHS lead, pulling within one at 10-Continued on Page 3B
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7th grade team ends regular season 7-2

► GMS Vikings start out 7-0, lose last 2 of regular season

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

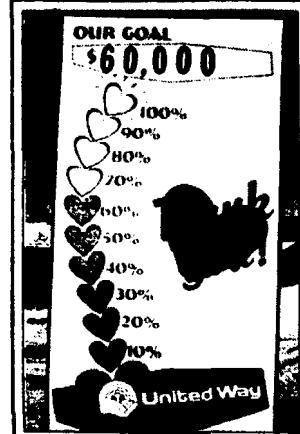
After an impressive 7-0 start, the GMS 7th grade (white) basketball team faltered a bit, losing two straight games to end the regular season. The team is still a solid 7-2 going into tournament play.

On January 12, the Vikings won a close match against Gaylord at Gaylord's home gym, 24-21.

D.J. Metzer led the team in scoring with 14 points. Tim Umlor, Jason Strohpaul, Brian Borchers, Alex McNamara, and Josh Millikin also scored points for GMS in the contest.

"The Vikings started slow but rallied in the fourth quarter to seal the win against a very good Gaylord team," said Coach Phil Trudgeon. "McNamara played a solid game on both ends, D.J. Metzer provided the offensive punch."

The Vikings won their seventh consecutive game of the year against Houghton Lake on January 20, Continued on Page 2B
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JV Vikings fall to Braves, Panthers

► Grayling squad loses to solid teams from Tawas, Standish

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's JV basketball team lost both of its games last week, falling to Tawas on the road on Tuesday and then losing to Standish Sterling at home Friday night.



Larry Baynham goes up for a shot near the basket.

After struggling in the first half, Grayling played a much better second half against a good Standish team, but couldn't quite complete the comeback attempt.

Standish used its strong inside game early in the match to build a lead. The Viking offense was sluggish in the first 16 minutes. Of Grayling's 10 first quarter points, nine came on a series of three triples by R.J. Schmidt. Standish scored 18 in the first period, most of which were scored in the paint.

The Panthers showed some solid defense in the second quarter, holding the Vikings scoreless for the first five minutes of the period.

The Vikings scored their only points of the quarter on a shot inside by Larry Baynham and a lay-up by Wes Fox on an assist by Dan Mead. Standish led 28-14 at halftime.

Doubled up at the half, the Vikings started to battle back, not giving up.

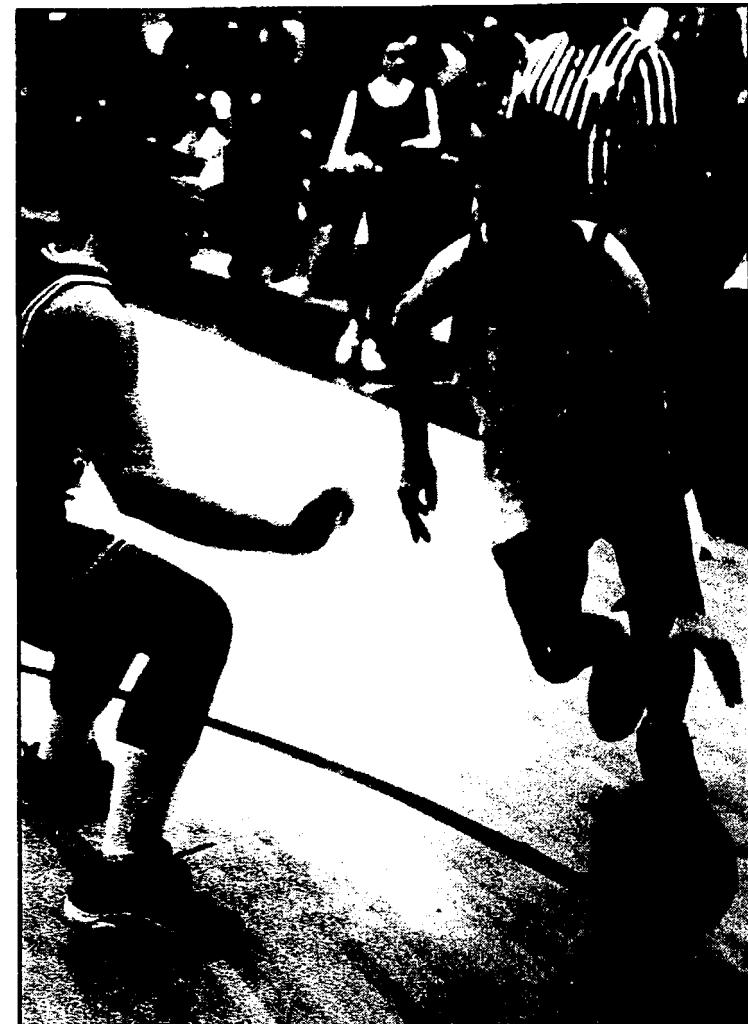
Grayling outscored Standish 14-11 in the period. The Vikings got points from a jumper and a triple by Schmidt, a jump shot by Fox, and two shots inside by Nate Frankina. GHS finished the third quarter with a three-pointer at the buzzer by Fox.

The Panthers were up 11 after three quarters, 39-28.

Early in the fourth, Grayling started to make a run. After a pair of free throws by Standish on a one and one, the Vikings went on a 10-2 run, including two free throws by Baynham, a shot inside by Fox, and two more three-pointers from Schmidt.

Grayling had pulled within five, 43-38, with about five minutes remaining in the game, but that's as close as GHS would get. Standish hit their free throws down the stretch to seal the game as Grayling was forced to foul to stop the clock.

The Panthers won by a final score of 56-47.



R.J. Schmidt drives the baseline against Standish. Schmidt finished with 20 points for GHS in the game.

"This was a pretty good game," said Coach Butch Hayes. "They had the height advantage, but we battled. We kept it close, but could not pull ahead."

Schmidt led the GHS scoring with 20 points, hitting six three-pointers in the match. Fox scored 11.

Last Tuesday, the Vikings lost to the Tawas Braves at Tawas 72-46.

"We got off to a slow start then

picked up our intensity with pressing," said Coach Hayes. "In the second half they controlled the tempo."

The Vikings are now 6-8 for the season.

The team will play at Saginaw this Friday. Both games next week are on the road. The Vikings will return to the home court on February 29 with a game against Roscommon.

7th grade team ends regular season 7-2

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beating the Bobcats 30-16. "A big win by the Vikings, scoring 13 points in the first quarter," Trudgeon said. "The best team effort of the year. Brian Borchers and Jason Strohpaul rebounded well. Russ Peters showed intensity playing a very good game."

Metzer again led the offense with 11 points. Umlor and McNamara each scored six.

The team suffered its first loss of the season on January 24 to the Kalkaska Blazers at Kalkaska by a score of 31-16.

"A very poor first half cost the Vikings their perfect season," said Coach Rich Trudgeon. "In the second half Grayling held Kalkaska to six points with Borchers and Umlor playing excellent defense."

Metzer, Strohpaul, Umlor, McNamara and James Haven all scored for GMS.

The team also lost its next game, a home match against Gaylord.

"Grayling shot 0 for 9 at the free throw line and committed costly turnovers," said Trudgeon.

The team lost 27-22, finishing the regular season at 7-2.

Russ Peters led the Viking scoring in the Gaylord game with 12. Metzer, Borchers, and Strohpaul also scored for GMS.

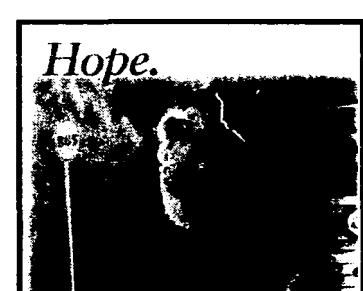
"It's been a great season with great kids and parents," Coach Trudgeon said.

The team plays in the Houghton Lake tournament this week, and will compete in the Roscommon Tournament on February 14 at 5 p.m. If Grayling wins on the 14th, the Vikings will play in the tournament championship game on February 16 at 5 p.m. Games will be held in the Rosco Middle School.

Varsity basketball team beats Standish

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Grayling finished strong, putting in 19 points and hitting free throws down the stretch once Standish was



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forced to foul. The Vikings won by 18 points, 56-38.

"This game marked our best defensive effort of the season," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We are at the point in the season where we must make progress each game if we are going to be successful in the tournament. Tonight we accomplished that."

Hawkins led the GHS team in scoring with 20 points. Tobin scored 17.

Against Tawas last Tuesday, the

Vikings led at halftime 27-25, but lost by 11, 66-55.

"We made numerous mistakes in the second half," said Moffit. "We had 33 total turnovers."

High scorer for Grayling was Hawkins with 20. Tobin added 16.

Nate Hinkle and Jeremy Latuszek, both out with injuries, are expected to play on February 25 in the match against West Branch, Moffit said.

The Vikings play at Saginaw this Friday, then will head to Oscoda on Tuesday, February 15.

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Five GHS baseball players headed to Australia

► Grayling athletes selected to play on United Baseball Stars squad

Australian Ambassador Andrew Peacock recently sent a letter to five Grayling High School baseball players from Grayling, welcoming them to his country in July of 2000 as representatives of the United Baseball Stars team.

The five Grayling players include catcher Jeremy Latuzek, pitcher/first baseman Rusty Strohpaul, third baseman Jon Haskel, second baseman Levi Burkett, and pitcher/centerfielder Brad Gorski.

The five players were chosen after tryouts were held at Michigan State University this winter. Upon their selection, each applied for various destinations in Los Angeles, Australia, and Europe.

The group chose Australia, and will compete on a team with other players selected from the state of Michigan.

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The families of these ballplayers have formed a group to help fund the \$4,000-plus cost of each member's participation in the program. Fund raising efforts will be announced in the coming months as a few of Grayling's finest high school players seek to compete against some of the best baseball competition the world has to offer.

Jon is the son of Tom and Tina Haskel; Jeremy is the son of Doug Latuzek and Tina Dixon; Rusty is the son of Russ Strohpaul and Bonnie Vogel; Levi is the son of Bruce and Marcy Burkett; Brad is the son of Bob and Judith Gorski.



Freshmen volleyball team wins series 2-1

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9. Grayling scored on Maeghan Corwin's serve to go up 11-9. Tawas returned the ball long and out of bounds to put Grayling at game point, 15-14. Grayling scored again to win it 16-14.

With the series tied at 1-1, the Vikings had to play at least as well as they did in game two if they wanted to take the series. They responded with their strongest showing of the night, winning 15-8.

The Vikings opened the match with a 4-0 streak, including three aces by the server Bancroft. Tawas scored one, the Vikings got an ace from Austin, and the Braves added one more to put the score at GHS 5, Tawas 2.

side for the serve.

Austin served an ace, then Tawas scored four points, including two aces. Grayling led 9-2. Tawas scored a couple points, then Bancroft scored another ace to put GHS up 10-5.

The Braves scored two, then Grayling answered with two points on Austin's serve. Tawas scored its eighth point, then the Vikings finished the match and series.

Kitchen ended it for the Braves with three straight aces, the final one hitting nothing but floor on the Tawas side.

Grayling won the series 2-1, with scores of 1-15, 16-14, and 15-8.

The team will host Gaylord on Monday, February 21.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WEEK #11 RESULTS:

Game #1 Sawmill 81 - Charlies 51. Sawmill - Contreras 22, Enos 13, Maxon 11, Doremire 11, Kirk 10; Charlies - Ed Bayham 13, Madsen 12, Schoen 11.

Game #2 Lange Vending 75 - Holiday Inn 66. Langes - Longendyke 23, Donahoe 17, Harland 13, DiPonio 12; Holiday Inn - Maples 21, Mead 19.

Game #3 Thermogas 100 - Spikes 72. Thermogas - Patterson 28, Church Jr. 27, Williams 27, Church Sr. 11; Spikes - Krey 31, J. Gardiner 12, Potter 12, Kolka 10.

Game #4 Margretheville 62 - Glens 53. Margretheville - Trenary 24, Ruddy 19; Glens - White 16, Northrup 11, Nowicki 10.

Standings After Week #11

Sawmill	10 - 0
Lange Vending	8 - 2
Thermogas	7 - 3
Spikes	4 - 6
Holiday Inn	4 - 6
Margretheville	4 - 6
Glen's Market	2 - 8
Charlie's Plumbing	1 - 9

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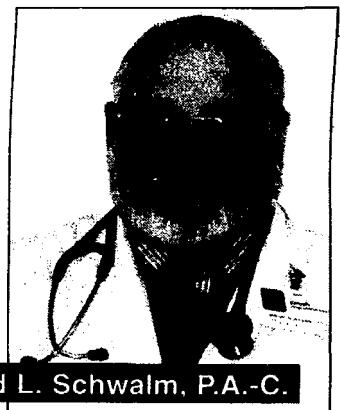
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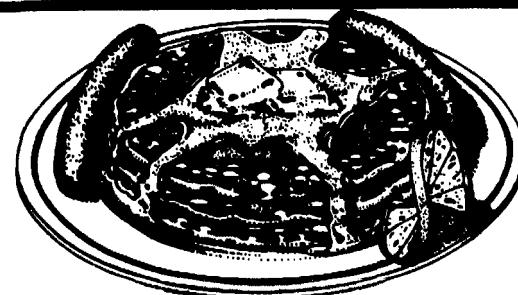


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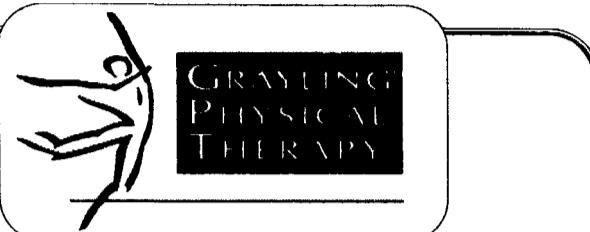
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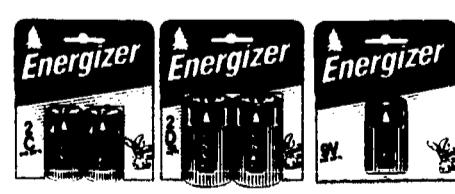
Andy Holzbauer competes in the slalom event on Thursday at Hanson Hills.

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Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
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Jason was the top overall skier for the Viking boys team at the Grayling Burger King Invitational. Lesley, a first year skier, has finished all her races in her first five meets.

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Varsity girls edge Tawas Braves

► GHS volleyball team wins two close ones with Tawas to take series 2-0

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In two close matches, the GHS varsity volleyball team beat Tawas 16-14 and 15-13 last Wednesday to win a best-of-three series against the visiting Braves.

Tawas took an early 2-0 lead in game one. On a serving chance for Jenny Phillips, Grayling scored three to take a 3-2 lead.

The points included two aces by Phillips and a good volley by Grayling, which Mel Paxton finished for a score.

Grayling later got two more points on Paxton's serve, including an ace.

Tawas tied it, then a spike by

Phillips up front got GHS the ball. Phillips scored an ace to put Grayling up 6-5.

After several scoring chances without a point, Grayling scored two on Mika Sumner's serve, one of which was an ace. Tawas got one back, then a shot by Paxton that rolled off the top of the net to the floor on Tawas' side brought the ball back Grayling's way.

The Vikings then scored four, two on aces by the server. Paxton, Grayling led 12-6.

Tawas scored one, then Grayling moved to game point on Arica Wolcott's serve with a kill by Phillips and a shot out of bounds by Tawas.

The Braves then started to gain some momentum, scoring the next seven points to tie the match at 14-14.

With Tawas serving, Grayling rallied, coming up with some nice digs by Phillips and Wolcott to eventual-

ly set up a spike by Paxton. On Brandy Ritter's serve, Sumner put up a solid block on the Tawas front line for a point. Ritter scored an ace to end the game at 16-14. Grayling.

The Vikings opened game two with three straight points on Kristy Hulbert's serve, including two aces. Sets by Phillips to Wolcott to Ritter for the kill accounted for the other point.

Tawas came back and tied the game at 4-4. Later, with the match at 5-5, Tawas scored three straight to go up 8-5.

A spike by Paxton got Grayling the ball, and GHS scored three points to tie the game on Sumner's serve.

Paxton blocked a Tawas shot at the net to get GHS the ball back, and the Vikings scored a point on a kill by Phillips set up by Hulbert. Hulbert later scored an ace to put Grayling up 10-8, and the Vikings got another point on a finish by

Wolcott following a decent volley. Ritter and Paxton both had good digs in the effort.

Tawas scored two, then later tied the game at 11-11 with an ace.

A nice set from Hulbert to Paxton on Sumner's serve ended in a kill for Grayling's 12th point. Tawas then got the ball back and tied the game at 12-12.

Grayling scored one point on Paxton's serve, then Tawas tied the game again.

After a long rally, Wolcott found floor with a shot at the net, bringing the serve back to Grayling's side.

With the score tied at 13-13 and Hulbert serving, Wolcott had a nice block get returned, then Sumner finished with a shot up front for a point. An ace by Hulbert ended the match.

Grayling won the game 15-13, and the series 2-0.

The Vikings will host Gaylord on Monday, February 21.

GHS ski teams take 1st at Grayling meet

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The girls placed 6th, finishing ahead of Saginaw Heritage, Roscommon, and Harrison.

"The young girls showed marked improvement from some of the early meets against Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Farwell, and Benzie Central," Coach Wieland said.

Kelly Jansen was the top skier for the girls, finishing 18th in slalom and 14th in GS. Alvarez placed 20th in both races. Holzbauer placed 26th and 29th, and Gilbert was 41st in slalom and 39th in GS.

On Saturday, February 5, the Vikings competed in the Flushing



► Vikings compete at 14-team Gladwin individual tourney

On Saturday, February 5, the Viking wrestling team competed in a 14-team meet at Gladwin.

There were no team scores, but six Vikings earned medals at the competition: Andy Palmer (119), 1st place; Matt Evon (125), 3rd; Josh Niederer (130), 2nd; Marc Weaver (160), 2nd; Chris Peters (171), 2nd; Victor CdeBaca (189), 3rd.

On Thursday, February 10, the Vikings will host Mancelona and Onaway. The meet will be "Parents Night."

Invitational at Treetops. Gaylord, Inland Lakes, Bellaire, and Flushing also raced.

Gaylord won both the girls and boys titles. Grayling's boys took 2nd, and the girls took 5th.

In the girls competition, Grayling placed 3rd in GS and disqualified a girl in slalom to place them in 5th overall.

Top skier was Kelly Jansen, placing 10th in GS and slalom. Alvarez was 15th in GS and disqualified in slalom. Holzbauer placed 20th in GS and 18th in slalom, and Gilbert placed 25th in GS and 22nd in slalom.

The Vikings ski at Hanson Hills on Thursday, February 10, at 3 p.m. against Roscommon and Mt. Pleasant.

Regionals are coming up, and the team will compete in the North East Michigan Conference Meet on February 22 at Treetops.

Six GHS wrestlers medal at Gladwin

Josh Niederer keeps his opponent on the mat. Niederer took second place in his division at Gladwin last Saturday.

GMS WRESTLING

On February 5, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team opened its 2000 season. The GMS Vikings traveled to the Roscommon Invitational with 19 of 21 team members placing.

Individual winners included: 1st place: Joel Wilson, Zak Wegner, Greg Warren, Darryl Babbitt, Brandon Pratt; 2nd place: James Walker, Brady Ward, Justin Robinson, Aaron Rosecrans, Adam Malone, Dusty Partello, Zach Guardado; 3rd place: Joe Ferrigan, Bill Stewart, Brian Borchers, Mike Gassman, Travis Gildner, Dan Snider; 4th place: Sam Crowell.

Also competing for GMS were Jesse CdeBaca and first time wrestler Jesse Mooneyham.

The team will continue its season at Whittemore on February 19.

GRA WRESTLING

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) youth wrestling team competed in a tournament at Roscommon on Saturday, February 5. The squad entered 17 wrestlers, and eight of them placed.

The eight medal winners for Grayling were: 1st place: Tyler Hanson, Tim VanNuck; 2nd place: Cody Malone, Cody Partello, Zach Wolcott, Corey Metzer; 3rd place: Daniel CdeBaca, Shane Grove, Jeff Harwood.

The team is off this Saturday, but will hit the mats again on Saturday, February 19, at Whittemore Prescott.

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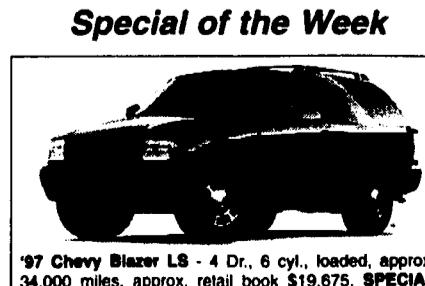
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Women's Standings

Sawmill II	139
Spikes	126
Frederic Inn	109
Swamp	107
Plaza	99
Sawmill I	90
Legion	83

Won all 6 games: Siss I and Vickie N of Frederic Inn; Dawn W. and Tina D. of Swamp II.
5 Ball Runs: Barb M. of Swamp II; Vickie P. of Spikes; Dee K. of Spikes; René of Spikes.
6 Ball Runs: Barb M. of Sawmill II; Vickie P. of Spikes; Siss I. of
Frederic Inn.

Frederic Inn.	Men's Standings
Margretheville II	.47-43
Margretheville I	.44-28
Gray Rock	.41-49
Frederic Inn	.39-33
Plaza	.35-37
Sawmill	.34-38
Legion	.30-42

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting of January 19, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynnette Corlew, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Building on January 19, 2000.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Golnick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beardslee.

Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.

Others were present at various times.

-CONSENSUS of the Board to invite Lydia Murray, Acting Manager for Economic Development Corporation in Lansing to meet with the Board to review the Renaissance Zone application.

-Approved Board Minutes for the December 15, 1999 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

-Approved Board Minutes for the December 22, 1999 Special Board Meeting as submitted.

-Approved Board Minutes for the January 3, 2000 Organizational Board Meeting as submitted.

-Accepted the 2000 wages increases for the 46th Circuit Court personnel paid by Crawford County as follows: Tom Haskel - \$42,000, Rhonda Rakoczy - \$26,208, Patti Bonamie \$26,208, Linda Franklin - \$24,122, Kathy Sheldon - \$25,058, Jean Callewaert - \$29,700, and Supplement (weekend arrangements) - \$4,185. All increases are within the 1999/2000 fiscal year budget.

-Approved payment of following claims: General Fund - mileage and per diem for Duran, per diem for Leonard, prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the January 10, 2000 report in the amount of \$274,285.91; D.A.R.E. Fund - prepaid invoices and open invoices on the January 10, 2000 report in the amount of \$4,106.92; Environmental Control Fund - mileage for Merrill and payroll on the amount of \$2,869.26; Central Dispatch Fund - prepaid invoice, payroll and open invoices on the January 10, 2000 report in the amount of \$20,688.51; Remonumentation Fund - prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$5,977; Landfill Trust Fund - prepaid invoice in the amount of \$23,878.

-MOVED to amend the agenda to allow Cindy Olson, Grayling Recreation Authority to present the 1999 Fish Hatchery Report.

-CONSENSUS to place the 1999 Fish Hatchery Lease Agreement on the February 16, 2000 Board agenda.

-Approved to accept correspondence as submitted.

-Moved to send a congratulation letter to the student that qualified for the President's Student Service Award under the 4-H Extension Service Organization.

-Moved to send a letter of appreciation to Ruth O'Mara for her years of service to the Housing Commission.

-Accepted the proposal with Career Quest in the amount of \$7,500 for a one year Server Support Agreement to be charged from the Service Contract line item of the Data Processing Budget. This agreement covers both Treasurer and Equalization Network Systems and a new Network System in the Sheriff's Department.

-Moved to accept Act 302 Training Fund Annual Report and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

-Accepted to increase the salary for the Prosecuting Attorney to \$82,000 for the year 2000 effective January 17, 2000. Commissioner Hanson remarked it would be a disservice to the County if the Board did not implement a full time position.

-Moved to authorize the Prosecutor to hire a part time (20 hours per week) O4 union pay grade Legal Secretary effective immediately.

-Accepted to grant possession of the Commissioner's office to the Prosecutor to accommodate office needs.

-Accepted to enter into an agreement with Standard Insurance for Short Term Disability, Sick, Accident and Life Insurance for County employees for two years.

-Move to waive the permit fees assessed by the County for renovating City Hall for the Michigan State Police.

-Approved to renew the 2000 Letter of Agreement for Community Development Technical Assistant between Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., and the County of Crawford through December 31, 2000 for Housing Commission assistance.

-Moved to reappoint the fourteen (14) members to the Solid Waste Planning Committee for the 2000-2001 term as presented by EMO Pat Merrill.

-Entered into the Urban Cooperation Act Agreement between Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) and the County of Crawford.

-Approved to authorize a salary increase for the County Treasurer to be consistent with the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

-Moved to nominate and appoint Gerald Burns to fill the vacancy on the Road Commission Board until December 31, 2000. Motion failed.

-Approved to nominate and appoint South Branch resident John Hartman to fill the vacancy on the Road Commission Board until December 31, 2000.

-Approved to adopt the County Board Rules as presented and eliminate 5.3 and 5.4 (move 5.5 to reflect 5.3).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

SYNOPSIS

Beaver Creek Township Board

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2000

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held January 10, 2000 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak, Summers and Hartman. There were 5 guests present.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Balmes to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman to accept the Board Minutes for the December 22, 1999 Special Board Meeting as submitted.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman to accept the Board Minutes for the January 3, 2000 Organizational Board Meeting as submitted.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman to accept the Board Minutes for the December 15, 1999 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman to accept the Board Minutes for the December 22, 1999 Special Board Meeting as submitted.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman to accept the Board Minutes for the January 3, 2000 Organizational Board Meeting as submitted.

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Grayling Winter Fun Days

Schedule Of Events

**Thursday,
 February 10, 2000**

10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Grayling Winter Fun Days Book Sale. Sponsored by and located at the Crawford County Library in the Children's Room.

**Friday,
 February 11, 2000**

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10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • Winter Quilt Show and Sale. Sponsored by and located at the Icehouse Quilt Shop.

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. • Winter Sale and Skiers Happy Hour. At the Cross Country Ski Shop. For three hours, prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children when you mention Grayling Winter Fun Days.

11:00 a.m. • Winter Wolf Challenge. Cross-country event at Hanson Hills. Mass Start, Free Style race follows the yellow trails—approximately 8.4 km.

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • Sherpa and Atlas Snowshoe Demos. Sponsored by Cartwright and Danewell.

12:00 p.m. • Snowshoe Hike. Meet at the Little Smokey Ski Lodge.

1:00 p.m. • Snowmobile Trail Stop. Sponsored by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association. Meet at the Blue Bear Connector.

2:00 p.m. • FREE Group Re Skating Lesson. Meet at the ice rink.

6:00 p.m. • Business Olympics. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Grayling.

7:45 p.m. • High School Ski Team Torch Parade.

8:00 p.m. • Medallion Hunt Award Presentation. Held in the Main Lodge.

**Saturday,
 February 12, 2000**

8:30 a.m. • Winter Wolf Challenge. At Ray's Canoe Livery. Kayak/canoe and snowshoe event.

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7:30 p.m. • Downhill Canoe Race. Back by popular demand! Very Exciting! Sign up at the Main Lodge.

8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. • Club Extreme Teen Dance. Sponsored by the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Admission is \$3.

Snowshoe Demos. Sponsored by Michigan Snowshoe Center.

**Sunday,
 February 13, 2000**

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. • Lumber Jack Breakfast. At the Main Lodge. Sponsored by the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, juice and coffee.

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. • Winter Sale and Skiers Happy Hour. At the Cross Country Ski Shop. For three hours, prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children when you mention Grayling Winter Fun Days.

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. • Chili Cook Off. Sponsored by the American Legion. Held in the Main Lodge.

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. • History of Hanson Hills. Sponsored by the Crawford County Historical Society in the Main Lodge.

1:00 p.m. • FREE Group Downhill Lesson. Meet at the Bunny Hill.

1:00 p.m. • Citizen's Bank Obstacle Race. Meet at the top of the Bowl next to the race shack.

2:00 p.m. • Snowboard Competition. Sponsored by Paul and Kathy Olson of Municipal Underwriters of Michigan. Slalom and free-style meet at the bottom of the Bear.

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RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2000 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Wyman, Banda, Hayes, Palmer.

Members Absent: Brown.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Terry McGregor, Kay Eller King, J.C. King, Bob Butzin, Michele Butzin, Lynn McConnell, Karl DeVries, Angie DeVries, Jim Burch, Nancy Hunt, Jim Carmean, Carolyn DiPonio, Kathy Bourrie, Jill Wyman, Debbie Zelek, Jane Croze, Caleb Casey, Judy Ahrens, Robert Ahrens, Bill Gannon, Skip Madsen, Gail Madsen, Dennis Long, Betty CdeBaca, Taren Eisenger, David Sabin.

00-05

Moved by Hayes, supported by Wyman that the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4.

Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. motion carried.

00-06

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 13, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. motion carried.

00-07

Moved by Wyman, supported by Palmer that the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 6, 2000 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of November 9, 1999.

b. CIA Meeting held on December 6, 1999.

c. Chamber of Commerce Minutes of December 2, 1999.

d. Grayling Police reports for December 1999.

e. Letter from Pat Merrill regarding recycling in Crawford County and also a letter regarding "Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day" to be held on June 24, 2000.

f. Methodist Church Parking Lot issue.

g. New Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief appointments.

h. Income Tax interest legal opinion.
i. Department of Treasury Health Care fund.

j. C.I.A. letter reference meeting at 7 p.m. on January 17 at the Crawford County Court House.

k. Letter regarding Century 21 lease for the City Offices.

l. Letter from DEQ regarding compliance issues. A meeting with the DEQ, the City Engineer, City Manager, Mayor, DPW Supervisor is scheduled for January 19, 2000.

m. November 1999 Financial Statement.

Old Business.

a. State Police Addendum.

00-08

Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes to accept the State Police Addendum #4 as it appears on the Michigan State Police Lease with the City of Grayling. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. motion carried.

b. Century 21 Lease.

00-09

Moved by Hayes, supported by Palmer to approve the lease from Century 21 to relocate City Hall as of February 1, 2000. This lease has a 3 month option renewal clause. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. motion carried.

c. Kathy Bourrie spoke of what has been happening with the C.I.A. They are looking into tree planting in the spring downtown in the planter boxes.

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Reports of City Manager.

Allen Lowe reported on the following:

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regarding her employment with the City and why she retired as of January 3, 2000.

b. Carolyn DiPonio spoke to Council about the sidewalk snow shoveling problem in the downtown area. Much discussion took place with Council and concerned citizens. The budgeting needs to be addressed in the spring, it is imperative to get snow off corners and sidewalks so citizens and visitors can shop in the downtown area. Where to get the money for equipment and labor was a major topic. Mr. Gannon would like Council to help with snow removal from sidewalks this winter, he is requesting \$1,000 if at all possible. Council will make a decision at the January 31, 2000 meeting.

Bob Ahrens stated some of the responsibilities the D.P.W. has, how sometimes it would not be possible to do sidewalk snow removal even if we had the equipment but are open for suggestions.

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c. Mr. Hayes would like a thank you sent to the School Board for letting the City use a room at the Middle School for the February 22, 2000 Presidential Primary Election and also for offering to hold our Council Meetings at the school if needed. All agreed.

d. Marilyn Palmer congratulated Allen Lowe on his appointment as City Manager and she and the council look forward to working with him.

Adjournment.

00-12

Moved by Hayes, supported by Banda that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Allen Lowe

City Manager

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PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the February 22, 2000 Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 2:00 pm in the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
Feb. 7, 2000

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Lewiston Grade Road
Over the E. Br. AuSable River
Contract #1, Demolition and Substructure Construction
Crawford County, Michigan

-10-17-24

The Road Commission for Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0648, until 10:00 a.m. local time, March 2, 2000, (Bid opening at the regular meeting) for bridge demolition and site and foundation construction services.

The project includes replacement of the existing bridge over the AuSable River. The contract consists of: removal of the existing bridge; foundation and channel excavation; furnishing and driving treated timber piles; furnishing and construction of substructure; foundation underdrains and structure backfill; riprap; traffic control and other miscellaneous items.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the Road Commission for Crawford County office and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W. Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$35.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent (5.0%) bid security must accompany each bid.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Mr. Donald Babcock, Manager

-10-17-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Contract #2, Furnishing of Materials
Crawford County, Michigan

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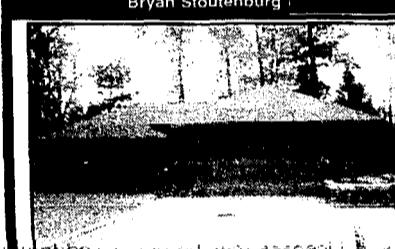
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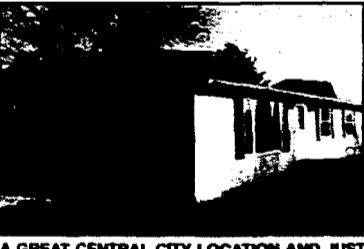
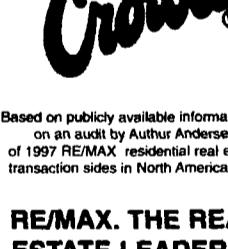
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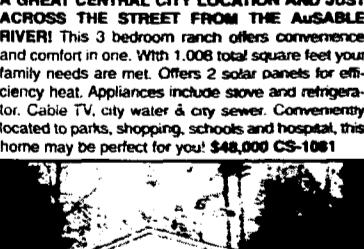
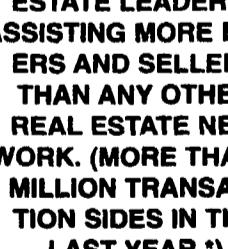
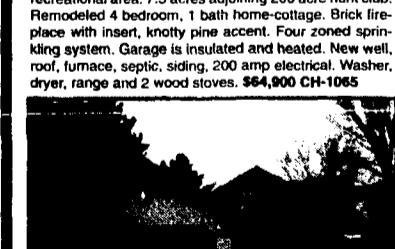
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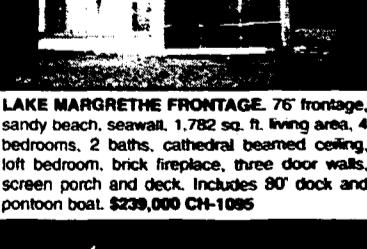
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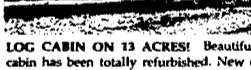
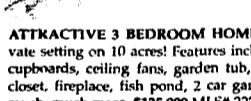
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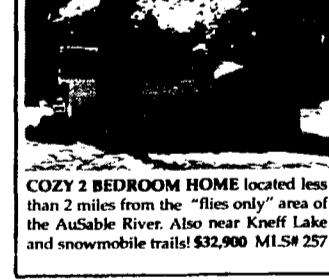
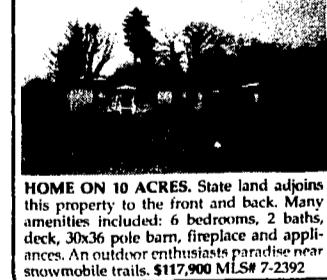
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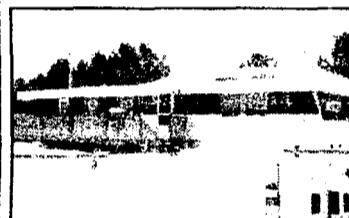
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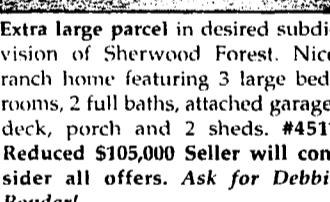
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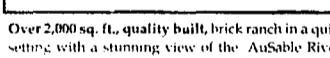
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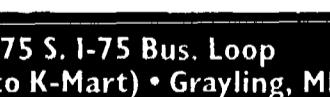
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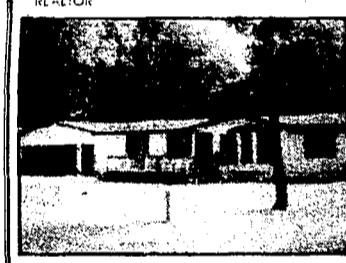
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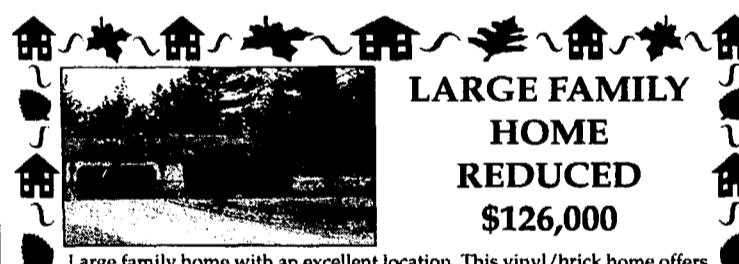
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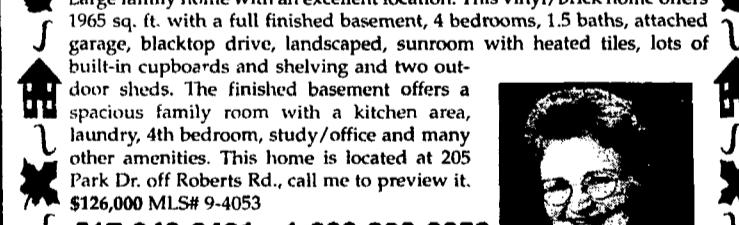
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I love you forever & always - Connie

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Love - Waffles (Mom & Dad, too!)

Terry, Happy 35th Valentine's Day - It still seems like the first!
Love, Sue

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With Love From -
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Happy Valentine's Day Joe!
You are loved and missed by your family.

Love - Mom, Dad, Jason, Wassana & Anthony

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Loving you then, now & always!
Love - Kim
XOXOXO

Happy Valentine's Day to all the people who make a difference in our lives!
XOXO
Mason & Maddi

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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9. Personals

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Happy 24th Birthday Rob Mathis I hope its wonderful

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Christopher Michael Congratulations Lynn & Mike!

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